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SBC Receipts Reach \$9,471,177 in 1949 Texas Leads In Total Gifts

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 6—(BP)—Southern Baptists were half a million dollars more generous in 1949 than the year before.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, said receipts for the year totaled \$9,471,177 compared with \$8,865,790 in 1948.

Texas gave the most—\$1,000,000 to the Cooperative Program and \$928,873 for the specific uses.

The largest amount of the 1949 revenues went for foreign missions, which got \$4,630,486. The Home Mission Board received \$1,738,550.

Dr. McCall said the money was distributed as follows:

S. B. C. budget fund, \$128,000; Baptist Brotherhood, Memphis, \$40,001; Radio Commission, Atlanta, \$99,790; Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, \$4,663,486; Home Mission Board, Atlanta, \$1,738,550; Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, \$907,853; Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, \$4,137; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, \$618,767; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, \$549,687; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, \$555,284; Women's Missionary Union (training and designations), Louisville, \$45,356; American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, \$110,234 and miscellaneous, \$10,276.

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**American Bible Society
Offering, January 22**

BAPTISTS HOLD EVANGELICALS STEM WORLD COMMUNISM SAY REDS ARE WEAK IN PROTESTANT COUNTRIES

ST. LOUIS—(RNS)—A series of syndicated newspaper articles describing Pope Pius as "America's strongest single ally against Communism" was challenged here by the St. Louis Baptist Ministers' Conference.

In a statement, the ministers said that the "right of private judgment," held by the Baptists and some other evangelical groups—involving individual religious liberty, local church autonomy and the principle of separation of Church and State—has apparently done more than anything else to stem the advance of Communism.

The Baptists deplored the suffering inflicted on Catholic priests and people by Communism and commended the efforts of the Pope on behalf of world peace. At the same time they declared that "the public has a right to know that the unremitting emphasis of other Christian forces with re-



DR. E. N. PATTERSON

Shown above is Dr. E. N. Patterson, faculty member of New Orleans Seminary, who will deliver a series of Stewardship messages at the South Mississippi Institute, Columbia, January 24-26.

Preachers' Institute Meets At Columbia

The South Mississippi Preachers Institute will meet January 24-26 at the First Church of Columbia according to an announcement by Rev. M. J. Gilbert, Secretary of Rural church work. Rev. J. T. Horton is the pastor

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Gulfport Welcomes Conference

Evangelistic Meet to Be Held Feb. 23-March 3

By DR. JOE T. ODLE, Pastor

First Church, Gulfport, extends a cordial invitation to Mississippians to attend the State Evangelistic Conference to be held February 27-March 3. We rejoice at the privilege of being your host and look forward with keen anticipation to your coming.

Host Pastor To Conference



DR. JOE T. ODLE

The Gulf Coast is one of the most beautiful and delightful sections of our state. It is a year-round vacation land, the mecca of thousands of tourists each month. Usually late February and early March finds the camellias in full bloom and the azaleas beginning to blossom, and while winter still grips most of the land, it is often early Spring-time here then.

Gulfport, at the very center of the Gulf Coast area, is a modern seaport city of 25,000. First Church has a membership of more than 2200 and is one of the strong churches of this section of the State. Other churches of Gulfport are Grace Memorial, Rev. P. S. Dodge, pastor; East Side, Rev. Dan Morton, pastor, and West Gulfport, Rev. E. S. Flynt, pastor. All of these join First Church in welcoming you. Gulf Coast Association with 20 churches and more than 6500 members also joins in welcoming you. The moderator is Dr. G. C. Hodge, of First Church, Biloxi.

We are already making preparations for your coming, in order that your stay here may be a pleasant one.

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PHIL WALKER TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR



REV. PHIL J. WALKER

Rev. Phil J. Walker, associational missionary for Warren County, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour Sunday, January 15. He will be heard over the following stations:

At 8 a. m. over WHBQ, Memphis; WRBC, Jackson; WRJW, Picayune; and at 2 p. m. over WSLI, Jackson.

Slay To Lead Dry Crusade In State

The hardest battle yet to be fought to legalize liquor in Mississippi will be staged by the Legislature now in regular session in Jackson. The liquor industry inside and outside of Mississippi is ready to spend \$1,000,000 to get legalized liquor in our state. That is the amount they spent in Oklahoma recently and three fourths of that amount was sent in by the liquor industry outside of the state. The same thing will be done here in Mississippi.

A meeting was called in Jackson, Tuesday, December 20, by the United Dry Association, which organization includes every temperance group in Mississippi. An Executive Committee was set up for the state with Rev. J. D. Slay as chairman, to set in operation at once, on a state-wide, interdenominational basis, an effective organization to fight to the finish this pernicious traffic.

Facts have been compiled that will once and for all put a stop to the wet propaganda that is being sown all over the state in the minds of the people. The state dry organization is determined that for once, the complete and full story of legalizing whiskey and its attendant evils be told to every Mississippian. The pages of

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The Baptist Record Every Family Plan Helps Reach The Unenlisted

Dr. Nelson Featured In Baptist Review

CLINTON, Jan. 6—President D. M. Nelson of Mississippi College, Clinton, was the featured person in the December issue of the BAPTIST REVIEW, National Christian magazine. Dr. Nelson's picture was a full size feature on the covering of the magazine and the article of the issue was about his leadership of the 124-year old Baptist college.

The magazine has a wide distribution to leading Christian laymen across the country. In each issue an outstanding American Christian is featured. In this issue the outstanding leadership qualities of President Nelson were present. Dr. Nelson became President of the college in 1932. Since that time the school has grown to its now outstanding position in American education. The article told of the recent dedication of six new buildings and of increased endowment achieved in the last five-year enlargement program.

Tribute was paid to President Nelson, native Mississippian, for leadership in the fields of physics, law, religion, and education. President Nelson is a member of the Commission of the Institute of Higher Learning; Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; American Council on Education; Optical Society of America; American Association of Physics Teachers; American Association of University Professors; he is a Mason, an Odd Fellow, and a Woodman of the World. Dr. Nelson is also listed in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, WHO'S WHO IN MISSISSIPPI, and LEADERS IN EDUCATION.

SLAY TO LEAD DRY CRUSADE

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the Baptist Record will carry documented facts regarding this question. Pernicious, false, malicious propaganda from the wets has gone unchallenged long enough.

Answers to such questions as the following will be given once and for all from government records and reports: Has repeal failed in other states? Does repeal decrease bootlegging? Do the bootleggers want prohibition? Do we really derive revenue from the sale of liquor through taxes? Are the wet states in better shape because of legalized liquor than the dry states because of the lack of it? Is this a political or moral question? Does the church have any right to get mixed up in this fight? What does God's Word say about the question?

PREACHERS' INSTITUTE MEETS

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of First Church, Columbia.

The speakers are: Rev. Ray Dykes, Tylertown, Rev. W. B. Abel, Collins, Rev. E. L. Howell, Foxworth; Rev. J. T. Horton, Columbia; Dr. John E. Barnes, Hattiesburg; Dr. Wm. P. Davis, Associate Executive Secretary; and Dr. E. N. Patterson, Faculty member, New Orleans, La.

All meals will be served at the church beginning with the noon meal on January 24. Cots will be provided in the new Educational building for those who care to spend the night. Bring blanket, pillow, and toilet articles. If you plan to remain overnight please drop a postal card or letter to Rev. J. T. Horton, Columbia, Miss.



DR. CARLYLE MARNEY

Shown above is Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor First Church, Austin, Texas, who is to be one of the guest preachers for the State Evangelistic Conference meeting at the First Church, Gulfport, February 27-March 2.

Clinton Church Plans Extensive Repairs

For the first time since its erection in 1922 the Clinton church building will undergo extensive repairs. Accepting the recommendations of a special committee appointed by the deacons, the church voted on Sunday Jan. 8, to authorize the committee composed of C. L. Hester, chairman; Guy Arbuthnot, Prof. Henry A. Carlock, Dr. D. M. Nelson, and B. R. Albritton to proceed with the repairs to the church.

Items included in the list submitted by the committee include:

1. Renovate, repair and redecorate throughout the entire building;
2. Install acoustical ceiling in the auditorium;
3. Install modern lighting system;
4. Carpet auditorium;
5. Install "modern-fold" fabric folding doors around auditorium in rooms used for auxiliary auditorium space and for Sunday School rooms, and
6. Build outside illuminated bulletin.

Rev. Nolan M. Kennedy is pastor.

Invites Catholics To Join Baptist Church

Baptists Also Have Holy Year

DALLAS, Tex.—(RNS)—Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, Mo., president of the Baptist World Alliance, has invited Roman Catholics to become "free followers of Jesus Christ and our way of believing."

He issued the invitation here in reply to the Christmas message of Pope Pius XII which urged non-Catholics to return to the Roman Catholic Church.

"We are not accepting his invitation to come back," Dr. Johnson told 4,000 delegates at the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday school conference. "We invite all others to read the Bible and become free followers of Jesus Christ."

He did not mention Catholics or the Pope directly in his address to the Sunday school conference, but did so in an interview that followed.

Baptists could not "come back to the Catholic Church because we were never a part of them," he said.

He explained that Baptists date their origin to Bible times and that some maintain John, a Disciple of Jesus, was the original Baptist. Technically, he added, Baptists aren't Protestants.

Inviting Catholics to accept Baptist beliefs, Dr. Johnson said this step would free Catholics of "totalitarianism" because in the Baptist Church the congregations are free and there are no church dignitaries.

Baptists Have Own Holy Year

Dr. Johnson also said the Southern Baptist Convention is having a Holy Year of its own in 1950. He pointed out that approximately 8,000 Southern Baptist churches west of the Mississippi would hold simultaneous revivals April 9-23 and that about 18,000 churches east of the river plan revivals March 24-April 8 in 1951.

Dr. Johnson was asked if he believed Baptists could lay claim to being "the one true Church." He replied:

"You will find some Baptists who believe that, just as you would find some Methodists who believe theirs is the one true Church. . . . But I will say that I believe the Baptist Church comes closer to the New Testament than the others."

Recommended Hotels and Tourist Courts For State Evangelistic Conference at Gulfport

HOTELS

HOTEL	DISTANCE from church	RATES	
		SINGLE	DOUBLE
Markham	1 block	\$3.00 - \$4.50	\$4.00 to \$7.50
Edgewater Gulf	6 miles	\$3.00 - \$5.50	\$5.50 to \$9.60
Great Southern	5 blocks	\$2.50 - \$3.00	\$4.00 to \$5.00
Colonial	3 blocks	\$2.00	\$3.00
Lane	7 blocks	\$2.50	\$4.00 to \$5.00
Crosby	1 1/2 miles	\$3.00	\$4.50

*All rates are for rooms with baths. Some of the hotels have cheaper rates for rooms without bath.

TOURIST COURTS

There are dozens of tourist courts all along the coast and hundreds of cottages of all types are available. We are listing only five courts which are inside the city limits and only a mile or two from the church. They are all on West Beach, Gulfport. If you desire a list of other recommended courts, write to First Baptist Church, Gulfport.

COURT	Distance from Church	RATES	
		2 persons	4 persons
Moody's Court	1 mile	\$4.00	\$6.00 up
Light's Court	1 mile	\$3.50	\$6.00
Sivley's	1 1/4 mile	\$3.00	\$5.00
Gulf Haven Tourist Court	1 1/2 miles	\$3.00	\$5.00
Harris Tourist Court	1 1/2 miles	\$3.00	\$5.00

Send all reservations direct to the Hotel or Tourist Court. All may be addressed at Gulfport, Miss.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

January 8, 1950

Jackson, Northside	529	192
Jackson, First	1462	526
Jackson, Parkway	836	204
Parkway Chapel	108	51
Jackson, Calvary	1429	336
Calvary Mission	30	33
Jackson, Davis Memorial	375	192
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	322	145
Jackson, Southside	257	101
Jackson, Van Winkle	439	230
East Side (Rankin County)	144	86
Paul Truitt	187	136
Byram (Hinds County)	149	134
Pascagoula, First	565	225
East Lawn Mission	57	38
Chapel No. 2	41	—
Unity	29	37
Newton	554	272
Tupelo, Harrisburg	462	170
Kosciusko, First	629	212
Big Creek	67	45
Columbus, First	972	356
Centerville	152	65
Friendship (Pike County)	154	104
Delay	46	44
Bruce	254	90
Darling	68	47
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	77	89
Siloam (Simpson County)	76	80
East Moss Point	193	89
Ruth	75	106
Houlka	102	28
Center (Union County)	164	86
Ingomar	146	94
Laurel, First	696	189
New Albany	702	197
Providence (Forrest County)	126	93
Leesburg	133	177
Union (Alcorn County)	58	85
Brooklyn	100	56
Goss	90	84
West Corinth	198	97
Bay Springs, including mission	188	79
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	100	79
Long Creek (Lauderdale County)	72	69
Hattiesburg, Main Street	929	294
McComb, First	611	133
Brookhaven, First	901	200
Hamilton Street Chapel	104	50
Central Chapel	111	95
Friendship (Lincoln County)	67	56
Rawls Springs (Lebanon Association)	155	135
Chester (Choctaw County)	71	—
Cammel (Lawrence County)	133	110
Forest Hill (Hinds County)	143	142
East McComb	469	258
Harmony	107	—
Chalybeate	59	41
Lucedale	324	119
Rocky Creek (George County)	215	137
West Point, First	626	207
West Laurel	469	180
Bethlehem (Jones County)	130	105
Hebron (Jones County)	98	86
Laurel, Second Avenue	497	163
Mantee	137	34
Yazoo City, First	358	45
Gulfport, First	711	154
Grenada, First	668	107
Crystal Springs	589	195
Shady Grove (George County)	112	101
East Fork (Amite County)	85	60
County Line (Copiah County)	121	66

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American Bible Society
Offering, January 22

Mississippi Baptists—Your Secretary Says:

"Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

I
Numbers, chapter 21, is one of the most interesting chapters in the Book of Books.

God's people were faced with a stubborn foe in Arad. They asked God to help them. He gave victory. The way grew hard and they became discouraged. They fussed against God and Moses. God sent serpents among them. The brazen serpent as a remedy was lifted up. They were healed, and "set forward—toward the rising sun."

Israel asked for the slavery of Egypt rather than rejoicing in Canaan ahead. They majored on non-essentials forgetting the essentials. They got their eyes off God onto things! How often God's people do that!

Discouragement led to active sin. It showed a lack of faith. It forgot past blessings and His Presence. It drives away the joy of salvation. It results in inactivity. It creates grumblers. It discourages others. It causes death and suicide!

"They set forward." A good thing for God's people to do. They had been stopped: (1) the way was hard. Do you ask for an easy way? (2) discouragement had mastered them. (3) They forgot God.

God chastised them. They confessed their sin. God provided a remedy.

James, chapter 3. Our mother used to say when giving us medicine, "Now take all of it." We need to take ALL of this chapter. Matthew 12:31-32. Hebrews 12:3-15.

Israel carried out God's plan! They put first things first.

"One ship drives east, and another west
With the self same winds that blow;
'Tis the set of the sails
And not the gales
Which decides the way we go.
"Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate;
As the voyage along through life;
'Tis the will of the soul
That decides its goal,
And not the calm or the strife."
—Wilcox.

Jesus took the events of Numbers 21 and gave to the world one of its greatest evangelistic messages, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:14-15.

II
Those who love young preachers (and who does not?) will be glad to know Scotchie, Jr., supplied the pulpit some over the Christmas season at Tabernacle, Chicago. Results: 2 professions, thirty-six dedications, with one Sunday to go. He has been offered pastoral work in the big city but will continue his schooling.

While there he went through physical tests by a great specialist who confirmed previous tests by our own fine Mississippi physicians. He was told to "slow down." He has been leading his Greek class, making very good grades otherwise, teaching accordion to a half dozen pupils, preaching some, teaching a Sunday School class, holding problem conferences and playing for some special programs so the "slow down" order is easily understood.

Our heart-thanks to many friends who have remembered him and his work in their love and prayers!

III
In the last issue we studied the distribution of Board memberships primarily from a family standpoint. We found that with a single exception most families numbered only one member.

Now let us look at the same member-

ship from the standpoint of geographical location.

We find that Jackson far and wide leads in Board personnel with twenty-three or more members. Hattiesburg is second with eight, Meridian is third with six and Newton is fourth with five. Some sixty or more towns have one-two-three memberships.

Conclusions: First, save in a half dozen instances, Board memberships are fairly well distributed both as to family and geography. Second, no particular progress in this matter is noted for the distribution has been general all along. Third, these men and women stand in places of real service and they honor the position only when they serve unselfishly and to the glory of God!

We should pray for them and with them to that end!

IV

How Far Will Mississippi Baptists Go In Soul Winning?

By William P. Davis

In 1950 many of our pastors will participate in the Simultaneous Revivals in all Baptist Churches west of the Mississippi River April 9-23. This will give us advanced training for the Simultaneous Revival to be held in all our churches east of the Mississippi River March 25 to April 8, 1951. 1950 is the year of preparation for the churches east of the River. I am reproducing an outline prepared by Dr. C. E. Matthews, entitled: The Associational Organizer in the 1951 Campaign, and on another page will be found an article written by Dr. C. Y. Dossey, entitled: The Value of a Two Weeks Revival.

THE ASSOCIATIONAL ORGANIZER IN THE 1951 CAMPAIGN

I. How elected—by association.

II. This is a permanent office.

III. Regular duties:

- Work with associational chairman.
- Seek to lead every church to have at least one revival each year.
- Look after unchurched communities.
 - Prepare a map of the association indicating full-time, half-time, quarter-time churches, and mission stations.
 - Have mission revivals to be sponsored by near-by churches.
- Lead the association to have one simultaneous crusade each year.

IV. Duties leading up to the 1951 campaign.

- Enlist every church in the association in the campaign.
- If necessary, meet with the church and seek to enlist it in the campaign.

V. How to solve the problem of enlisting the part-time church in the 1951 campaign.

- A part-time pastor can preach in one of the revivals himself and arrange for another preacher to conduct a revival in the other church.
- Secure a good layman to lead the revival in one church.
- A pastor with two churches can preach a week in each church. This is not the best plan, for it does not allow enough time for a revival.
- The pastor can begin a week early in one church and close on the middle Sunday morning, starting at the other church on the same evening and running a week after the campaign closes. This would give two weeks preaching in each church, but

MARION MAKES PROGRESS UNDER PASTOR E. C. FARR



REV. E. C. FARR

As the last quarter of 1949 came to an end, Marion Church reached an all-time high in Training Union attendance, with 100 present. The Sunday School had 126, which lacked only one setting a new record.

Since October 1, when the Rev. E. C. Farr became pastor, the church, there have been 26 additions, 10 by baptism, and an inner-communication system has been installed in the church, for the benefit of the nursery.

The Christmas program was the story of the Christ Child, which was entirely cast by children under eight years of age. The Junior and Senior Choirs furnished the music. The Junior Choir, ages from 8 to 16, is a project of the Training Union, as is the mid-week prayer service which is conducted by laymen.

The Brotherhood, organized in June, sponsored a campaign which led to the recent purchase of a church bus, to be called the "Marion Baptist Mission Bus."

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Shady Grove Makes Progress

In the early days of 1949 while pastorless, Shady Grove Church in George County was much in prayer while seeking God's man as pastor, according to the church reporter, Mrs. Lee R. Howell.

The church was led to call Rev. Marvin K. Lee.

During the past five months the church has had 53 additions, 36 by baptism, 78 rededications and four for special service.

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R. G. LEE SPEAKS AT 2ND CHURCH, CALHOUN CITY

On December 30 Dr. R. G. Lee was the speaker at two services at the Second Church, Calhoun City, bringing as the evening message his famous sermon, "Pay Day Some Day." A loud speaker was used in the eight Sunday School rooms which were built last summer. Chairs were brought in from Derma Church and from the local funeral home to accommodate the large crowd. Many were unable to sit in the building but stood outside and listened by way of a loud speaker.

Rev. R. B. Hicks is the pastor.

would hardly be in keeping with the simultaneous effort.

E. Remember: "Where there is a will, there is a way."

HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Speaker—Charles Wellborn.
January 15—subject: "God's Response to Man's Need."

Stations in Mississippi

At 2:30 p. m. Sundays:
WROF, Hattiesburg; WSLI, Jackson; WTOK, Meridian; KGCM, Gulfport.

The Radio ministry of Southern Baptists is carried on solely through individual voluntary contributions, mailed to THE BAPTIST HOUR, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

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LIBERTY ORGANIZES WMS

Mrs. R. C. Fitzgerald was elected president of the newly organized W. M. S. of the Liberty Church in Union County.

Other officers include Mrs. V. P. Rakestraw, vice president; Mrs. Rowan, young people's leader; Mrs. Lucile Fitzgerald, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Faye Henry, program leader. Rev. H. G. West, Jr., is the pastor of the church.

The W. M. S. was organized December 18 under the direction of the county superintendent, Mrs. Eva B. Meador, and members of the New Albany W. M. S.

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HOME LIFE MAGAZINE ENTERS FOURTH YEAR

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Home Life has entered its fourth year with a circulation of 338,693. Total distribution of the twelve issues in 1949 was over four million. The magazine is designed to portray family life at its best.

Growth of Home Life in three years, according to the editor, Joe W. Burton, is due to "the cooperation of leaders to create and circulate a magazine to meet a critical need" and "the effectiveness of Baptist organizations to circulate such a publication in the homes of the people."

The human interest approach in Home Life will continue, the editor stated. Major emphasis will also be given to family worship as the need in every home.

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REA To Meet In Meridian At First Church Feb. 1-3

Associate Pastors, Educational Directors, Music Directors, Baptist Student Secretaries, Church Secretaries, Educational Secretaries, Financial Secretaries, Church Librarians, Youth Directors, Teachers of Bible and Religious Education, State Workers, and others who are interested in Religious Education will convene at the First Church, Meridian, February 1, 2, and 3 for the fourth annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association.

Dr. W. L. Howse, Professor of Administration of Religious Education in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will deliver three addresses, and Harold Massey, Baptist Student Secretary at the University of Miami, will speak on student work. Many others from the churches of our state will take part on the three day program, which promises to be outstanding in every respect.

Registration will begin at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon, February 1. The registration fee is \$2 which goes for the expenses of the conference. Reservations for hotel rooms, Wednesday evening supper at the church, and for the banquet Thursday evening should be made by writing Miss Elizabeth Parke, Educational Director, First Church, Meridian.

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Mrs. French Retires

Mrs. P. C. French, office secretary of the Sunday School Department, retires on Saturday, January 14, after twenty-six years of continuous service with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

In the early years of her service she divided her time among the Sunday School, Training Union, and Baptist Record departments. But as the work increased she has been with the Sunday School Department, exclusively, for many years.

During these twenty-six years, many people have served as Board employees—some for long periods and some for short ones—but no one has been more faithful and loyal than Mrs. French. She has given of her best to the cause of Christ and to Mississippi Baptists.

In rain and snow, in cold and heat, in illness and health, she has come to her office to do her part in a great cause. Quiet, modest, unassuming, she has gone about her work with a passionate desire to render the most satisfactory service possible. Her great store of general information has been well nigh invaluable.

We shall continue to remember her most pleasantly and may the Lord's richest blessings be upon her in the coming years.

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January Twenty-Two Is Bible Society Day

By action of the Baptist Convention Board January 22 has been designated as American Bible Society Day.

On Sunday, January 22, all Mississippi Baptist churches will be given an opportunity to contribute to the work of the American Bible Society.

If the people of the world are to know Christ—the one hope of men and nations—they must have

the Bible. It is the one primary source of knowledge of Him.

Today—when millions of people around the world are turning to the Bible as never before and when there is a severe shortage of missionaries in many fields—Bible distribution is more than ever a "must." The Bible is the missionary's chief tool. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go, stay when he must leave, and keep on working in a man's heart. Someone must help those who can pay only a part of the cost and the many who cannot pay at all.

The American Bible Society, a missionary non-profit organization, supported by gifts, serves as that "Someone." It aids in Bible translation, publishes the Scriptures without note or comment, and distributes them, without profit and usually below cost, for use in mission work around the world. For the blind, it supplies the Scriptures, at a small fraction of the cost, in Braille and other raised-letter systems; also on "Talking Book" records.

Southern Baptists recognize the American Bible Society as an essential part of their own worldwide mission program. Resolutions commending the work of the Society and requesting the churches to contribute to its support, have been adopted by state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mississippi Baptists can be counted on to do their full share. The help of your own church is needed. Here are suggestions.

Every church can give at least these amounts each year:

County and village churches, \$10 to \$25.

Churches in small cities, \$25 to \$100.

Larger churches, \$100 to \$200.

Great city churches, \$200 to \$500 or more.

We urge every pastor, every Sunday School Superintendent, every W. M. U. President, every Training Union President, every Brotherhood President to see that his church takes an offering. If January 22 is not convenient or if that is not preaching day, take the offering on the most convenient Sunday.

Offerings should be sent to Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson 5, Mississippi, and marked, "For the American Bible Society."

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Four Seminaries Are Not Enough

We hesitate to disagree with a man of the experience and knowledge of Dr. John D. Freeman whose article "FOUR SEMINARIES ENOUGH" appears on another page but there are some things about his conclusions with which we are not in agreement.

We do not think four seminaries are enough. We are in agreement with the fact that there is a place for a seminary in the west but there is also a great need for one in our eastern territory. Many young men from South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia are going to Northern seminaries and many of them come back with ideas that are not compatible with Southern Baptist views. Being a native of North Carolina we have noticed this more than those not so well acquainted with our Eastern territory.

Much has been said and written about the blessings that have come to the sections adjacent to Louisville, Ft. Worth and New Orleans because of the seminaries located in those cities. Would not the same benefits come to the territory around an eastern seminary? We agree with Dr. Freeman's statement that schools of the Clear Creek type are needed, but we also need an eastern seminary.

And we remind our readers that there are other schools of the Bible school type that deserve a good word. Perhaps Dr. Freeman overlooked mentioning them.

Clear Creek and other schools of its type are doing a good work. Let's support them and if possible establish others. But let us not forget other needs.

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Miss. College Needs A Graduate School

At the recent "Program of Achievement" day at Mississippi College, Dr. D. M. Nelson delivered an eloquent and appealing address. An earlier issue of the Baptist Record carried the greater part of this address. But we fear some of our readers may have failed to catch the full significance of some of the things contained in that far-reaching message.

We refer to Dr. Nelson's emphasis on the need for facilities for graduate study at Mississippi College.

"GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING MUST BE STARTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," HE SAID.

And he was correct. Mississippi College needs to have a school of graduate study. We know of many Mississippi men and women who have gone out of the state as well as to schools within the state who would go to Mississippi College if proper facilities were offered.

Ole Miss can train lawyers, so can Mississippi College. No expensive laboratories would be required for a law school. Several other Baptist schools have schools

of law and so should Mississippi College.

Every argument for a Christian college to train teachers, farmers, merchants, wives and bankers applies equally to a school for lawyers and for higher training in the various professions.

Remember, however, that "it takes money to make the mare go." Or as Dr. Duke K. McCall says, "Who is going to pay the piper?"

It is easy to say, "We need a graduate school and a school of law." But words don't provide teachers' salaries and equipment.

The first objective should be the completion of the present endowment needs and then prepare immediately to put in operation a graduate school and a school of law.

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

Pure Nonsense

No greater Nonsense was ever placed before a group of intelligent people, says the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church, than the claim of National Distilleries that "wine and spirit advertising does not increase the consumption but is intended only to popularize brands." Editor Duke Thornton of Philadelphia agrees with the Board in its belief that the makers of alcoholic beverages are doing as much as they can to get as many drinkers as they can, and said this in his Neshoba Democrat: "Most weekly newspapers in the United States refuse to advertise beer, whiskey or any other liquor in their newspapers. That's one important reason why local newspapers of America are the leading force in creating public opinion. Meantime the metropolitan newspapers and magazines are encouraging drinking and drunkenness in their advertising pages."

Explanation of why small newspapers take such a stand is given by Edgar G. Harris in the West Point Daily Times Leader: "Since the sale of beer is legal in Mississippi the head of an advertising agency wants to know why we do not accept beer advertising. Maybe it is because we'd rather be right than rich."—The Pontotoc Progress.

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LAUDERDALE PASTORS TO MEET JANUARY 16

The Lauderdale Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet on Monday, January 16, with the Marion Church. The program will begin at 4 p. m.

Rev. Edward Farr will bring the devotional, Dr. Norman Cox will discuss Church Problems, and Rev. Edward Byrd will direct the Bible Study. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock by the host church.

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FEED HUNGRY SOULS!
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FOUR SEMINARIES ENOUGH

By DR. JOHN D. FREEMAN

Southern Baptists will be unwise indeed if they undertake to support more than four seminaries, including the three here in the Southland and Golden Gate Seminary in California. We need other theological schools but they should not be modeled after the Standard Theological Seminary; they should be Bible institutes in organization and in their program of work.

An institution like the Mountain Preachers Bible School of Pineville, Kentucky, is invaluable to Baptists at this time. It is providing instruction and training for a group of preachers who have been deprived of the privilege of attending college and seminary, and in many cases, because of age or for other reasons, are unable to do so.

There are thousands of churches in villages, small towns, and open country for whose pastors the seminaries cannot provide suitable training. The seminaries cannot maintain mills and shops and fields and barns, without which rural and village workers cannot be given adequate training. Some Baptist colleges are providing training in agriculture, animal husbandry, dairying, and such; but so far fewer than five schools in the entire Southern Baptist Convention are offering such courses. Yet it is a well-known fact, recognized by all other large evangelical denominations and by Catholics, that to be a good leader on a rural field the pastor must know the basic principles of such things.

Furthermore, many missionaries should be able to direct building programs, both for homes and institutions. They should be able to create needed community industries, such as the cannery, the grist and saw mill, the food processing plant, the curing houses for grains and potatoes, etc. The man who is training to be a city pastor does not need to know such things; but he who is to make a "wise master builder" for the rural field must know both how to plan for and to secure the fullest equipment whereby the people may be led to have the "more abundant life" which Jesus came to give them.

Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School now has a good saw mill. The church pew factory is rapidly nearing completion and will be in operation early in 1950. As rapidly as funds are available, other rural industries will be established, so that the students while being taught in class rooms may also receive special training in the laboratories and clinics, and, vital to many, may also earn enough money to defray the cost of their education.

Students trained in such a program would lead churches to construct modern and adequate houses instead of leaving the building to inexperienced carpenters who often build a structure both unsightly to the eye and unsuitable for the work a church has to do. Secondly, they would save rural churches from twenty to fifty per cent of the usual cost of building. Such a trained missionary can go on a field, remain for days or weeks, direct the building program, help with his own hands, and inspire the people to add toil and to give their money. An example of this is Percy Ray of the Home Board Staff, who usually leaves the field with a good building and little if any debt on it. Construction work at the Clear Creek Bible School provides practical



DR. C. PENROSE ST. AMANT

During Religious Emphasis Week, Jan. 22-27 Jones County Junior College at Ellisville will hear Dr. C. Penrose St. Amant, faculty member of the New Orleans Theological Seminary, outstanding speaker, author and religious leader.

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Protestant Clergy Group
Rejects Pope's Appeal

PITTSBURGH — (RNS) — Twenty-nine Protestant clergymen here issued a joint statement rejecting what they said was a "clear and definite appeal" by Pope Pius XII for "Protestants to enter the Roman Catholic Church." The appeal was issued by Pope Pius in his Christmas message. The clergymen said Protestants "love unity, but they love truth and freedom more."

Protestants "pray and work for the unity of all Christians," the clergymen stated. "But they want freedom of worship, freedom for both Church and State. They will not permit control of the Church by the State or the control of the State by the Church."

"In this desire for unity the Protestant Church has frequently approached the Roman Catholic Church," the statement continued.

"In 1948 United Protestantism sent a generous invitation to the Vatican to participate in the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, the greatest attempt at unity in all history, but the Vatican said, 'No.' The denial was absolute. We deplore this exclusive, authoritarian, totalitarian claim."

"With the Roman Church we have much in common. We hold to the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God, to the Ecumenical Creeds, to the absolute sovereignty of God revealed in Jesus Christ, to the Holy Catholic Church of which the Protestant Church is a part and of which Jesus Christ is the One and Only Head and Saviour."

Signers included clergymen from the Presbyterian, Methodist, Evangelical, United Brethren, Protestant Episcopal, Baptist, and Lutheran denominations.

training in this field.

The four seminaries can provide replacements for all the churches needing pastors with their type of training. But they cannot provide the type of training needed by the pastors of thousands of open country and village churches. This is the work of another kind of school, and Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School is setting a fine example for other institutions of the kind.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

BETHEL NOW
EVERY FAMILY

For years Bethel Church, Calhoun County has had the EVERY FAMILY PLAN but has been paying yearly in advance. Having seen the advantages of the monthly payment plan, which makes the EVERY FAMILY PLAN different from the yearly plan, this good church has now changed to the monthly payment plan.

The advantages of this is that the payments are smaller and names can be added or dropped as needed. That way the subscribers are only paid for the time they are in force.

The treasurer is J. M. Holland.

Calhoun County now has Record readers as follows: Antioch, 51; Banner, 29; Bethany, 78; Bethel, 37; Big Creek, 60; Bruce, 151; Calhoun City, First 165; Calhoun City, Second, 27; Calvary, 47; College Hill, 1; Concord, 20; Derma, 49; Duncan Hill, 10; El-lard, 30; Macedonia, 1; Meridian, 23; Mt. Moriah, 31; New Hope, 24; Oak Grove, 28; Old Town, 29; Parker, 2; Pittsboro, 28; Pleasant Ridge, 15; Pleasant Grove, 28; Poplar Springs, 1; Providence, 6; Rocky Mountain, 1; Sabougla, 34; Shiloh, 2; Spring Creek, Spring Hill, 2; Vardaman, 13; Bradford Chapel, 22; Antioch (Laf.), 12.

FELLOWSHIP, JONES COUNTY
IS NUMBER 967

Rev. Charles Hollifield, pastor of Fellowship Church, Jones County, having experienced the benefits of the Baptist Record has led Fellowship Church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY PLAN.

The treasurer is Ray Bullock. The pastor is a student at Mississippi College.

Record readers in Jones County are now listed as follows: Bethel, 10; Bethlehem, 72; Calvary, 30; County Line, 62; Ellisville, 154; Fairfield, 58; Fellowship, 12; Friendship, 54; Harmony, 49; Hebron, 69; Indian Springs, 9; Laurel, First, 554; Laurel, 2nd Avenue, 239; Laurel, Beacon, 92; Moselle, 50; East View, 59; Beulah, 61; New Hope, 27; Overt 33; Pecan Grove, 4; Pine Grove, 55; Pleasant Home, 1; Sandersville, 61; Sand Hill, 42; Sharon, 71; Shelton, 1; Soso, 104; South Laurel, 70; Summerland, 59; Tucker Crossing, 8; West Laurel, 183; Glade, 116.

CENTER GROVE
IS NUMBER 969

Center Grove Church, under the leadership of Pastor Moody Bales, knows a good thing when they see it. A few weeks ago the Baptist Record was sent to them on trial. Recently the pastor wrote instructing that the Baptist Record be continued to Center Grove Church on the EVERY FAMILY plan.

Most churches in Mississippi that do not now have the Baptist Record as a part of their program would have it if they would only try it.

Baptist Record readers in Lauderdale County are now listed, as follows: Center Grove, 28; Arkadelphia, 31; Bethany, 38; Carmel, 30; Causeyville, 54; Collinsville, 15; Fellowship, 34; Goodwater, 14; Hebron, 75; Hickory Grove, 33; Kewanee, 32; Lauderdale, 13; Liberty, 16; Long Creek, 10; Macedonia, 38; Marion, 31; Meehan, 11; Meridian, First, 493; Meridian, 8th Avenue, 148; Meridian, 15th Avenue,

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 YEARS AGO

Married: Miss Ethel Hammack and Woot O'Neal near Flora by Rev. Bryan Simmons who says: "This was the first service of this nature ever rendered by this scribe."

President W. T. Lowrey reports thirteen new students enrolled at Mississippi College, bringing the total to 219 for the session.

40 YEARS AGO

The First Church, Hattiesburg, ordained five new deacons—S. E. Travis, J. B. Walker, R. F. Kennedy, W. P. Smith and Dr. T. E. Ross, making ten active deacons.

The Macon Church dedicates their new house of worship costing "slightly more than \$11,000" free of debt. Rev. H. M. King is the pastor.

The Columbus Church has "just closed the greatest year's work in its honorable history" with Rev. W. A. Hewitt as pastor, raising and expending "more than \$21,000" on all causes and added more than 100 to the membership.

25 YEARS AGO

Rev. Theodore Whitfield, Mississippian, at Desloge, Mo., sends greetings and reports 38 additions in a recent meeting at Bismark, same state, and 54 in another meeting.

The work of the Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, moves on apace under the leadership of Jastor Tom Tomlinson, who teaches a "crowded men's Bible class."

The Gulfport Church closes "an evangelistic campaign of unusual interest" in which Pastor W. A. McComb was assisted by Rev. L. G. Gates of Laurel. Twenty-seven new members, 14 of whom came for baptism. During the previous year 182 were added to the membership; and 192 men were present in the Bible Class the last Sunday in the old year.

237; Meridian, 41st, 314; Meridian, Highland, 121; Meridian, Oakland Heights, 90; Meridian, Poplar Springs, Drive, 157; Meridian, Southside, 310; Key Field Mission, 42; Midway, 76; Mt. Gilead, 1; Mt. Nebo, 10; New Hope, 37; New Zion, 16; Oak Grove, 2; Pine Grove, 63; Providence, 3; Russell, 47; Salem, 28; Toomsaba, 32.

NEW HOPE CHURCH,
SIMPSON COUNTY
IS NUMBER 968

New Hope Church, Simpson County, aided the Baptist Record in its effort to get beyond the 65,000 mark in circulation.

Recently J. D. Herrington, treasurer sent an EVERY FAMILY list from that church.

From now on the Baptists of New Hope Church are going to keep up with what their denomination is doing both at home and throughout the world.

Record readers in Simpson County are now listed as follows: Antioch, 16; Beulah, 72; Braxton, 49; Coats, 16; D'Lo, 2; Bethlehem, 49; Goodwater, 17; Harrisville, 40; Jupiter, 26; Macedonia, 55; Magee, 179; Mendenhall, 105; Mt. Zion, 97; New Hope, 21; Oak Grove, 64; Palestine, 32; Pine Grove, 32; Pinola, 49; Pleasant Hill, 66; Pleasant Valley, 44; Poplar Springs, 40; Shivers, 31; Siloam, 31; Spring Hill, 2; Stonewall, 31; Strong River, 34; New Bethlehem, 1; Everett, 12; Holly Grove, 34.

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Asks President To End Vatican Ties

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—President Truman was asked here by a spokesman for a Protestant group to end immediately all diplomatic ties with the Vatican.

The request was made by Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

According to unconfirmed reports Myron Taylor, the President's personal envoy to the Vatican, plans to resign. In this connection, Dr. Archer told Mr. Truman in a telegram:

"Myron Taylor's expected resignation will give you opportunity to end Vatican mission which is an offense to non-Catholic Americans. Now is the time to keep your promise that the mission would be temporary.

"Taylor's office must be closed for good when he leaves. Religious denominations whose memberships total at least seventy-five million Americans would heartily applaud this move."

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Baptist Record Writer Gets Human Relations Award

CHICAGO—(RNS)—James O. Supple, religion editor of the Sun-Times and Chicago correspondent of Religious News Service, received an award here from the Commission on Human Relations of the City of Chicago. The presentation was made by Mayor Martin H. Kennelly.

The commission, an official city agency, named eight business, labor and social work leaders for their fourth annual awards. Supple is the first newspaperman to be cited.

The citation said that Supple "has reported the constructive activities of all religious groups with honesty and fairness, has given proper emphasis to the activities of these groups in inter-group relations, and in his dealings with all racial, religious and ethnic groups has fulfilled the highest democratic ideals."

Editor's Note: The Baptist Record subscribes for Religious News Service for whom Mr. Supple writes.

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Paper Prices Remain High

One of the reasons that religious papers are having a hard time making both ends meet is the fact that while prices on most British and Canadian goods have come down as a result of the pound's devaluation, the Canadian newsprint companies which usually operate as a cabal, have flatly decided not to reduce prices to American papers. In other words, the highest newsprint contract prices in history will continue.

This means that the profits of Canadian newsprint companies will continue at their highest peak.

As an example of high prices, consider the fact that between 1945 and 1948, Canadian newsprint prices zoomed from \$28.50 a ton to \$100 per ton, with profits almost trebling. Here are two examples of the way profits have increased. Profits of such big companies as Abitibi increased from \$10,101,512 in 1945 to \$25,237,584 in 1948. Consolidated profits rose from \$10,539,451 to \$25,116,345.



Shown above is a group at the celebration of the 96th birthday of Dr. J. G. Chastain, on December 18. They are: standing, left to right, Dr. J. W. Moody, M. N. McCoy and R. D. Love, all deacons in the First Baptist Church of Poplarville; seated, left to right, Rev. F. W. Gunn, retired, and Dr. J. G. Chastain, oldest living graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Seminary, who served for thirty years as a foreign missionary in Mexico. Dr. Chastain is the father of Dr. Judson Chastain, pastor of First Church, Poplarville, with whom the former resides.

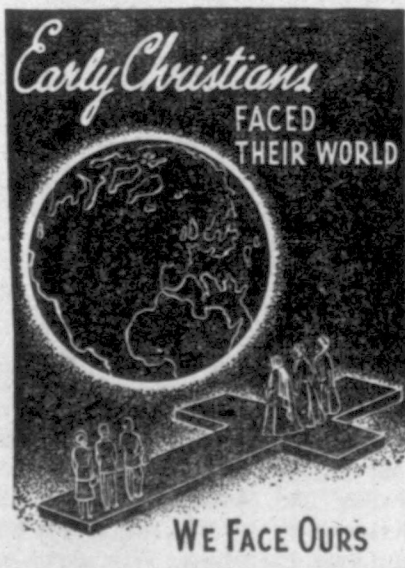
Bondholders Repaid By Church Members

MURFREESBORO, Tenn.—(RNS)—Bondholders who lost heavily when First Baptist church here was in financial difficulties during the depression have been paid in full by the church members.

The churchmen were not legally obligated to pay the debt, but the Zaccheus club, organized for the purpose, has been raising payment funds for several years.

In the thirties, 17 holders of \$44,200 in bonds, which had been used to help finance construction of the building, foreclosed after the church was unable to meet its obligations over a prolonged period.

The congregation vacated, the church was sold in court and bought by the same bondholders. Church members later raised money to purchase the church back for \$35,000, the bondholders losing about \$14,000 in the transaction.



BAPTISTS PLAN COURT TEST OF HILL-BURTON ACT

DALLAS, Tex.—(RNS)—Southern Baptists will cooperate with a proposed court test of the Hill-Burton Act which allows federal aid to church-owned hospitals.

The disclosure was made here by Dr. Duke K. McCall of Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention executive committee.

Dr. McCall said in an interview that the executive committee had accepted the opinion of a legal firm that the act violates the first amendment to the constitution.

He said the legal opinion on the act was prepared for the Baptist Joint Conference Committee office maintained by four national Baptist bodies in Washington, D. C.

Joint Committee To Lead Fight

The Joint Committee office, he said, would lead the court fight. Dr. Joseph M. Dawson is executive director of the Joint Committee, which acts for the four Baptist bodies on legislative and public relation matters.

Dr. McCall noted that the Southern Baptist Convention executive committee's action in accepting the opinion of the legal firm marked a departure from the Convention's stand on the Hill-Burton Act as it relates to aid for church-owned hospitals.

Heretofore, he explained, the Convention had viewed federal aid to church-owned hospitals as un-Baptist. From now on, he added, it will be viewed as illegal.

S.B.C. Expected To Take Action

It is likely, Dr. McCall went on, that the entire Southern Baptist Convention will be asked to adopt a resolution to this effect at its next annual business meeting in Chicago next spring.

The Hill-Burton Act was recently

extended for five years and doubled its annual aid to states from \$75,000,000 to \$150,000,000 for "public and other non-profit hospitals."

A "non-profit" hospital is defined in the Act as any hospital "which is owned and operated by one or more non-profit corporations or associations no part of the net earnings of which inures, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual."

Federal money for hospital construction is administered by state agencies. The act says federal grants may range from one-third to two-thirds of the total costs.

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CHURCH PICKETED BY BUILDING UNION

La Crescenta, Calif.—(RNS)—Members of the AFL are picketing the Assembly of God church here where parishioners are erecting a church addition.

Picket banners read: "This job is non-union. Please do not patronize. Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council."

A sign on the church proclaims: "Neighbors, our church is being erected by its members and friends, union and non-union. Wages are above union scale. God is no respecter of persons."

The Rev. Paul A. Fleming, pastor, said there were three union and two non-union men helping in the construction "when a union representative said that if we paid men on the job we'd have to have only union members."

"We can't very well discriminate against our non-union church members," he added. "The union men had to quit."

Sunday School Board—Partnership With God

Former New Mexican Editor Makes Survey of Printing Plant

By REV. HAROLD E. DYE

I chanced to fall in step with Dr. T. L. Holcomb along a flower-garnished path at Ridgecrest one afternoon last summer. "I am not in too big a hurry this trip," I said, "and I think I'll just stop by Nashville on my way back home and spend a couple of hours in the Sunday School Board buildings just looking around and asking questions." Dr. Holcomb's answer was quick and cordial.

"Stop as long as you like. If I can't answer all your questions, I'll find someone who can."

So, I stopped. Two days and a half later, I was still there . . . just looking around, pestering a lot of patient, busy people with questions. But I learned something and because there are millions of Southern Baptists who cannot enjoy the privilege of several days spent at the Sunday School Board buildings in conference with our workers there, I am passing on my finding and observations.

We Are In Big Business

I went into the Sunday School Board buildings with the attitude that I was a partner in the whole business. I counted no one too big to approach and nothing too sacred or secret to ask all about it. For instance, I was one of many who believed, conscientiously, that Southern Baptists ought to own their own printing plants, reasoning that if others could make money by printing our books and literature, we could make that money ourselves.

I went to see Mr. James Ward, of the Baird-Ward Printing Company, which prints our periodicals and books on a contract basis. Though we do not own the printing corporation itself, we do own the building which houses it. Mr. Ward was gracious to me. I even asked to see the actual printing contracts on periodicals and books, the cost per thousand, the binding schedules and rates, and even asked the prices of the various pieces of big machinery, presses, linotypes, etc.

Mr. Ward conducted me through the gargantuan plant. I saw mighty presses roaring, speeding out thirty-two page magazines at the rate of 5,000 per hour. One such press costs over a quarter of a million dollars. They operate on a 24-hour basis and the periods of operation are charted six months in advance. Huge graphs will show the exact hour on any given day when a press may be idle. That allows a contract to be let for that particular time. And this happens to be the main reason, as I saw it, that we cannot afford to own the equipment to do our printing, since our printing needs fluctuate on a sliding scale. Then the cost of those four presses was in excess of one million dollars—enough to discourage any Baptist. It astounded me to learn that we use over nine million pounds of paper a year in printing our periodicals. This is the equivalent of 235 box car loads. We use five carloads of ink alone a year.

Later, as Dr. Holcomb and I walked through the wrapping room and saw it stacked with bales of periodicals to the ceiling for more than one hundred feet, this great man of God said, "I always pray that never one line will ever be printed in any of it that will not be true to the Word of God and

that will not work toward the up-building of His Kingdom."

Aids Churches With Building Plans

W. A. Harrell, of the Department of Church Architecture, brought church plans to me and showed me something of the vast labor expended by our architects and planners in order to make available the best-possible plans for adequate church buildings. He showed me architectural data sheets which are made available free of cost to local architects to serve as guides as they make the detailed drawings and draw up the specifications for buildings.

The Board will furnish floor plans for any church free of cost. I was amazed at the number of churches applying each month to the Department of Architecture for assistance in planning their buildings. I jotted down a few figures: March, 495; April, 385; May, 446, and June, 408. Last year it was the same. Mr. Harrell estimated that 70 percent of the churches in the South are now in buildings program with \$75,000,000 now being spent in the erection of new buildings.

Artists Add Beauty

Other departments which I only briefly touched were the music, under the direction of B. B. McKinney, and Visual Aids, with Earl Waldrup as secretary. In the music department a new magazine is soon to be launched. It will be for music directors and those interested in the music programs of every church. Several study course books on music are being planned.

The Department of Visual Aids presents for the use of churches suitable film strips, sound and silent movies of a religious nature, an evaluation of films already available and also will produce its own films which will aid in our work of informing Christ's disciples.

The church library service is directed by Miss Florida Waite. I met over two hundred librarians in their recent conference at Ridgecrest, so became indoctrinated to the fullest extent with this necessary part of every church's work. Mr. George Card is head of the Sales and Advertising Department. I spent a delightful hour in his office. He said, "We do not like to be referred to as 'the merchandising department.' Our work, too, is of a spiritual nature. We are not simply trying to make money. We, too, are rendering a mighty service for the glory of God." I found that the re-current thought in the minds of all with whom I dealt.

Figures Speak

I spent some time in the office of my old friend, Porter Routh, Secretary of the Department of Statistics and Information. I saw a machine in which twenty-six thousand cards can be put and it will sort out the country churches, which are seventy per cent of all, and the city churches, or any others which the operator may desire.

I talked with the new book editor, Dr. W. J. Fallis, about the ministry of good books in our work. He succeeds Dr. John L. Hill, whom I consider one of the finest friends I have ever had, perhaps because he set his seal of approval upon my first book. Dr. Fallis, I am sure, will carry on in the tradition of the Broadman Press, presenting to Southern Baptists the best in literature produced by their own members.

Speed Matched With Accuracy

I was intrigued by the mailing department. The wrapping machines kept me guessing as they did the work of several clerks in a matter of seconds. Mr. Middleton tried to explain the mysteries of the accounting department.

I just had to leave. I had not touched the vital editorial department headed by

She Served 26 Years



MRS. P. C. FRENCH

Shown above is Mrs. P. C. French who has served at Baptist Headquarters for 26 years. Being a member of the Board Employees Retirement Plan she is retiring with a monthly income for the remaining years of her life.

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Tested

And Found Faithful? Or Wanting?

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him."—James 1:12

The Weather Test.

Are you a sailboat Christian—making progress in the Lord if the winds are favorable? Or are you a tugboat Christian—plowing right ahead even though the gales are against you?

The Worry Test.

"If you trust you do not worry; if you worry you do not trust," have you found that He keeps him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him, because he trusts in God?

The Worldiness Test.

Do you think as the world thinks; go where the world goes; act as the world acts. Does your life give evidence of having your affections set on things above, not on things on the earth?

The Wallet Test.

What proportion of your income last year was turned over for the work of the Lord? Was it at least as much as the tithe which the Jew paid before the grace of God was revealed in Christ?

The Work Test.

How much of your energy is being given to the work of the Lord, and is it a reasonable proportion of what you are expending in the day-by-day task of making a living?

The Witnessing Test.

Are you by life and lip commending Christ so that He is attractive to those who do not know Him as a personal Saviour and Lord, and is

Dr. Clifton Allen. This would have taken another day just to scan. I know that I missed far more than I saw. I came away, though, with more than mere information. I had discovered that everyone I met was first of all a genuine Christian, with the love of lost men a major passion. With that as the spiritual foundation of the Baptist Sunday School Board, I knew that the superstructure was wholly safe.

I am more than ever glad that I am a Baptist. I am proud of my business. And the Sunday School Board is my business. We are laborers together with God.

A. B. SMITH

Human-kind is inured to hope and disappointment, is ever anticipatory, yet never fully prepared for the inevitable dispensations of Providence.

An all-powerful, all-wise and all-loving God has ordained a time for men to come and has decreed a time for them to go. Though post-humous glory soon sinks into forgetfulness, still the life of a good man lives long after he has dropped into the tongueless silence of a dreamless sleep, and his deeds however small or great do leave ripples upon the tide of humanity that will last as long as the race.

Among our associates and friends there dwelt a noble man, Arnold Burt Smith, better known as "A. B." Smith.

He was modest, almost to self-effacement; gentle as a woman, but firm in his convictions; sympathetic to the unfortunate and helpful to all with whom he came in contact.

He was a kind man, with a keen appreciation of the weightier affairs of life. His every action was determined by an innate and practiced sense of the proper and seemly. Unmoved by popular prejudice, he could, and did, rejoice in the success of others. Utterly devoid of jealousies, bickerings and hate he went his way doing good. He radiated happiness, without flattery; instilled hope, without futility; brought wise council, without intrusion. He was indeed a man after God's own heart.

His home life was ideal—a faithful and loving husband, a provident and exemplary father.

As a member of The Sproles Bible Class of The First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, as a Deacon of and Chairman of the Board of Deacons of the church for the usual tenure of one year, he brought to these several phases of his christian life a devout appreciation of its obligations, impressed all with the sincerity of his actions, and at all times he tried, and did succeed, to do and say those things that would mean for the spreading of good deeds and disseminating the religion he so earnestly believed and practiced.

As a child of God he was humble, strong of faith, diligent in service and sublime in trust of the immutable promises of God, and as St. Paul said of Timothy, he was a

"WORKMAN, THAT NEEDED NOT BE ASHAMED."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY, The Sproles Bible Class of The First Baptist Church, Jackson, in regular session, this the twenty-fifth day of December, 1949, that in the passing of our beloved friend and fellow worker, A. B. Smith, our class has lost a true exponent of the teachings of The Christ; the Church, a nobleman of God; the community, an exemplar of high thinking and upright citizenship; the business world, a man, whose life was always above suspicion of wrong doing; the home, a faithful husband and devoted father, and be it further,

RESOLVED THAT, These resolutions be spread upon the minutes of The Sproles Bible Class of The First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, and copies be furnished the Press that all may know in what esteem we held our departed loved one.

Committee:

J. P. WALL,

C. C. SMITH,

J. M. EVANS

the vote of your life for Him or against Him?

The Waiting Test.

The Thessalonian Christians "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead" (I Thessalonians 1:9-10). Have you turned, and are you living with His coming in view?—Copied.

ONLY 264 PASTORS VOTED FOR SAN FRANCISCO

No Ballots Sent To Laymen

By LIVINGTON MAYES

Editor, Southwide Baptist Digest

A poll of 1100 Baptist Pastors indicated that nearly one-fourth of them desired that the Southern Baptist Convention should meet in San Francisco in 1951. More than three-fourths of the 1100 did not vote to go to San Francisco. A total of 400 out of the 1100 cast their ballots, 126 voted no. The other 700 who did not express a desire to go to San Francisco evidently desired a convention somewhere near where the bulk of Southern Baptists reside. Strange to say the impression got out, and is broadly circulated that a poll of 1100 Baptists indicated a 66 percent majority vote for the California site.

On the poll card no alternative choice was asked. Of course the 700 who did not vote desired either Fort Worth, Houston or Atlanta where Baptist leaders have expressed a desire for the 1951 convention. It is reasonable to understand that this poll of 1100 Baptist pastors indicating a 300 percent majority who did not desire San Francisco instead of indicated a 66 percent majority for San Francisco. Moreover, the ballot card stated that the Southern Baptist Convention voted to go to San Francisco. Far from it, there were 8,750 messengers registered in Oklahoma City, only 875 voted to go to San Francisco. That is one-tenth of the convention voted no. Unprecedented rain storms cut down the attendance. Most of the messengers were in homes from one to ten miles distant. City busses were crippled by water, tax hire for several miles was very expensive.

Gallup polls give an alternate choice. Mr. Gallup's polls indicated the election by a tremendous majority of Governor Dewey for President of the United States; election day proved such polls a tremendous failure, yet the ballot he sent out was a much fairer test than the one on the San Francisco question. It was widely known that the leaders in Fort Worth, Houston and Atlanta desired the 1951 convention. The 700 of the 1100 who did not vote evidently favor one of these three cities. This late poll clearly show that most Southern Baptist pastors do not desire to go to San Francisco. If they had such a desire they would have dropped the ballot postcard in the mail.

Those who do not put the interest of God's kingdom above semi-trans-continental touring pleasure should give up such notions. The convention should meet somewhere near where the bulk of our people reside.

The poll was exceedingly partial. Ballots were sent to pastors only. Pastors mostly have their expenses paid by their churches. If the church budget is proportionately divided between local and missionary causes, a large amount of the multi-million-dollar cost of the semi continental tour will come out of mission money. Laymen will have to foot the bill for the pastors and themselves also. Why were ballots withheld from them and sent only to those whose expenses were subsidized? Not one Baptist out of 6,978,000 who are not pastors was sent a ballot, therefore, the poll is worthless as far as registering Baptist opinion is concerned.

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American Bible Society
Offering, January 22



DR. BENJAMIN A. COPASS

Funeral services were held January 3, in Fort Worth, for Dr. Benjamin Andrew Copass, veteran professor at Southwestern Seminary. Dr. E. Leslie Carlson and Dr. R. T. Daniel, present professors of Old Testament, participated in the services. Bernes K. Selph, pastor of Gambrell Street church, read the obituary and Dr. E. D. Head, seminary president, gave the closing prayer.

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Blue Mtn. College To Discontinue Summer School

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., Jan. 4—At the regular annual session of the Board of Trustees of Blue Mountain College in December, upon the recommendation of President Lawrence T. Lowrey, the board voted to discontinue the college's summer session which has been held for more than a quarter of a century. When it was begun in 1922 a large percentage of Mississippi public school teachers did not have college degrees and there were many in-service and prospective teachers who wanted to take undergraduate college courses during the summers. As a larger proportion of public school teachers earned their degrees the desirability of maintaining an undergraduate summer session decreased.

Provisions will be made for students who had planned to graduate at the close of summer school this year or next.

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What Do We Really Believe?

By REV. ERWIN L. McDONALD

We had come to one of the periodic Sunday school lessons on tithing. Every one knew that the teacher of the adult Bible class in our little Arkansas church did not believe in tithing. The situation was tense as he faced the class.

Sure enough, the teacher started off as everybody thought he would, stating that he did not believe in tithing.

"How many of you believe in tithing?" asked the teacher.

All of the fourteen in the class raised their hands—they'd put the teacher in his place!

But no one was expecting the next question. Like a shot from ambush it came: "And how many of you tithe?"

Only one or two raised their hands.

"See," said the teacher, "we are all pretty close together on this matter. I do not believe in tithing and do not tithe; you believe in it but you don't practice it!"

It might be profitable for us to do some thinking about what we really believe. We may be fooling ourselves.

The Value Of A Two-Week Revival

By DR. C. Y. DOSSEY

Someone once asked Abraham Lincoln the question, "How long should a man's legs be?" Lincoln replied, "A man's legs ought to be long enough to reach the ground." Many are asking: How long should a revival continue? The answer is: It ought to continue long enough to reach the unsaved and unenlisted.

Dr. Dossey is assistant secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

During the past few years our Southern Baptist churches have drifted into the hurtful custom of limiting our revivals to one week or eight days. Below we sight seven causes:

1. During the war we had gasoline rationing; our people were busy, and they felt they could give but one week for a revival. This condition no longer exists. Our people are not so busy now. They are going to other places. Sporting events and places of amusement are having their greatest attendance. We have the five day work week back. If you think your people are staying at home at night, just go out and try to visit them at night and see how few you find at home.

2. Laziness and indifference on the part of our people toward a lost world and their duty to God is another factor. This has caused them to be unwilling to put forth a real effort in a revival lasting two weeks. Instead of giving in, we ought to challenge our people and call them back to God and their responsibility to Him and a lost world.

3. A third cause is the poor attendance many churches have on the week nights during the second week of a revival. This can be remedied by mobilizing the forces and organizations we now have in our churches. On pages 103 and 131 of the book, entitled *The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism*, by C. E. Matthews, will be found workable plans for mobilizing our people through the organizations in our churches.

In a two weeks revival the evangelist can use the first week as a time of sowing, arousing concern in the hearts of God's people. A two weeks revival will give the Holy Spirit time to bring conviction to the hearts of the lost, the cold, and the indifferent. The second week will then be a great time of reaping.

A two weeks revival will enable our churches to reach more people for Christ. The writer has had the privilege of conducting more than four hundred revival meetings. Ninety-nine percent of them have been for a period of two weeks and some of them for a period of three weeks. It has been our experience that at the close of the services of the middle Sunday of a two weeks revival we can total the number of additions we have had, and that total will be about sixty percent of the total additions we will have in that two weeks revival meeting. If these four hundred revival meetings had been limited to eight days each, forty percent of the people that we have reached would not have been reached.

It is the hope that, during the two great simultaneous crusades which Southern Baptists will undertake during 1950 and 1951, every church will go in for the full two weeks of the

GULFPORT WELCOMES CONFERENCE

(Continued from Page One)

Committees are already at work and we expect to be ready when you arrive.

With this article we are publishing a table listing recommended hotels and tourist courts with their rates. If you have any trouble getting the accommodations you desire, write to us. In the list of Tourist Courts we have named only five courts which are near to the church. There are dozens of other courts with hundreds of rooms, within a few miles of Gulfport, and we shall send you a larger list of recommended ones if you desire. The prices will be about the same as those listed.

We have been offered 50 free bunks in the Future Farmers of America camp at Long Beach. This is located approximately five miles from our church. It is a steam-heated building. Those using these accommodations would be required to bring their own sheets and blankets. If you desire lodging here send your request to us.

We shall also have many rooms in the homes of our people for those who prefer to stay in a home. As is the custom for such meetings the cost will be \$1 per night.

Please send all reservations for rooms in homes or for a bunk at the F. F. A. Camp to First Baptist Church, Box 157, Gulfport. Send reservations for hotels and tourist cottages direct to the one of your choice.

Please feel free to call upon us for anything that we can do to help you.

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OVERTIME WORK

John Harper, when an unknown boy, obtained an inconspicuous printing job in New York City as a means of simple financial security. One Saturday, near the closing hour of a busy day, his foreman asked him to return to work the next day. Because the request violated the boy's conception of the use of the Sabbath, he courteously declined but offered to stay as late as necessary on Saturday and to come as early as possible on Monday morning, adding that his conscience forbade him to work on Sunday. The foreman, to whom such ideas about Sunday were entirely foreign, threatened to dismiss him unless he complied. His employer, however, was a wiser man, and when the case was taken to him he accepted and honored the boy's principles. The youth whose convictions were so firm advanced in material success through the years to become the successful founder and head of the famous publishing company that bears his name—Harper & Brothers.—J. Richard Sneed, *How to Live Effectively* (Fleming Revell Co.).

campaign. Now is the time to give the gospel a chance and to give God a chance to use us in a great way in winning the lost to Christ.

Department of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director
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GET READY TO VOTE

It is very important that we get our christian people to pay their poll tax and register, thus qualifying themselves to vote. In a democratic form of government the people themselves are responsible for conditions that prevail. If we are to have good government with worthy laws to enforce, and then have good men to enforce them the people who vote must take seriously their responsibilities. Too many of our otherwise best Christian people in the state fail at this point. Once I heard Dr. George W. Truett say that America is afflicted with bad citizenship of good men.

When great principles are at stake God's people and individuals who love their country can not remain neutral. To do so spells tragedy. The legislature is now in session and there is a probability that we shall have a state-wide referendum on the liquor question. If so, every christian should

be ready to vote. No true genuine christian will vote to legalize whiskey. It is fundamentally wrong and he is blind who cannot see that legalizing always makes it worse. Christian people are against evil and dare not compromise.

BOOTLEGGING NOT STOPPED BY REPEAL

Sixteen years ago in December the 18th amendment was repealed, and prohibition officially ended in America. One of the chief arguments for repeal was to stop bootlegging. Today bootlegging constitutes one of the major problems in our national life. It has been pointed out that bootleggers are operating largely in a three hundred mile-wide-strip from Baltimore to Florida and are raking in an estimated annual take from fifty to three hundred and fifty million dollars. The main stimulus to the traffic arises from the nine dollars per gallon tax on alcohol. Bootlegging originated in the saloon days.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

Box 530 — Phone 2-1600 — Jackson
CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary BETTY PRESSON, Office Secretary

QUICK QUOTES

My deliberate judgment is that this work is one of the most important and far-reaching among our people.—L. R. Scarborough, speaking of the B.S.U.

The time students occupied was a period wrought with blessing.—Robert G. Lee, speaking of Student Night at Christmas program in Bellevue Church, Memphis, last month.

Hostility to youth is the worst vice of the middle-aged.—J. A. Spender.

Maybe there would be less juvenile delinquency if parents would lead the way instead of pointing.—Selected.

He who seeks only for applause from without has all his happiness in another's keeping.—Goldsmith.

There are obviously two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live.—James Truslow Adams.

To lose one's temper because of somebody else is to punish one's self for another's shortcomings.—Leopold Boehmer.

POTPOURRI

Christmas Night Eva Lois and I attended the very spiritually helpful Student Night Christmas program at Calvary Church, Jackson. We've received many enthusiastic reports of other such programs held throughout our state. . . . We enjoyed the part of the State Training Union Convention which we attended and thank God for all the good being accomplished through B.T.U. in Mississippi. . . . Mississippi College's Alumni Directory, a copy of which we recently received, appears to be unusually complete and informative. . . . Miss Edith Montroy, missionary to Africa, recently spoke at MSCW where also in recent days a big party, with the boys from Mississippi State, was held in the beautiful new Student Center, according to Bettie Fikes, Publicity Chairman.

On our last trip to Ole Miss, Miss Marian Leavell gave us a copy of the B.S.U.-compiled directory of Baptist students containing 1000-odd names and addresses. Again, we were impressed with the magnitude of the task God wants to do through use of the B.S.U. . . . Jones Jr. has some very attractive booklets on prayer for their students. . . . Two new married student S. S. Classes have recently been started at Mississippi State. . . . M2S equals SSM means "Many,

many sacrifices equals Student Summer Missions." Have you given sacrificially? Thirty-five dollars are in at this writing. . . . Do you pray, study your Bible, and witness for Christ every day? . . . On the Southwide Baptist Hour, Charles Wellborn is to speak this coming Sunday on "God's Response to Man's Need." Listen. . . . State Council Members, remember our next meeting is 12:30 p. m., Saturday, Jan. 21, here at the Baptist Bldg., Jackson. . . . Student Secretaries, send in your dollar each for the R. E. A., meeting in Meridian Feb. 1, by Jan. 15. . . . Our State Retreat for B.S.U. Officers is to meet at Jones Jr April 21-22, 1960. . . . Please pray with us and send or bring your help to us for our coming Youth Revival Campaign.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- January 16—Preacher's Bible Institute, Jan. 16-20, in Ecru; Mrs. Tom J. Temple, Baptist Record Mailing Department.
- January 17—N. R. Paschal, Grenada County Convention Board member; A. P. Smith, Jr., Monticello, Mississippi College trustee.
- January 18—J. N. Barron, Crystal Springs, Baptist Foundation trustee; Thornton Ray, Pontotoc, Blue Mountain trustee.
- January 19—John E. Stone, Jackson, Baptist Hospital trustee; R. A. McLemore, Hattiesburg, Education Commission.
- January 20—Dr. H. L. Cockerham, Gunnison, Baptist Memorial Hospital trustee. Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Jackson, Woman's College trustee.
- January 21—James Jordan, Vicksburg, Baptist Orphanage trustee; Rev. Homer Roberson, Greenville, Clarke College trustee.
- January 22—Rev. M. D. Morton, Copiah County Convention Board member.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a copy of the minutes of the Atala County Association. Rev. J. L. Moore is the moderator and G. L. Myrick, clerk and treasurer. The minutes are well prepared and the printers did a good job. A spring session of the association is scheduled for April.



NOTHING COVERS THE NEWS QUITE LIKE YOUR STATE BAPTIST PAPER

LORENA COMPLETES BLDG.



Lorena Church in Smith County has completed a new church plant, at a cost of \$14,500. A total of \$650 was paid on the building by the State Mission Board, which, together with what has been paid by the church, leaves a debt of \$3,350.

The building is 36' by 48', with a 16' by 52' T at the back.

The church was organized in September, 1932, by Rev. D. W. Moulder, who served as pastor until January 1, 1948. Since that time, Rev. Quenton E. Floyd of Raleigh has served as pastor, holding services in the afternoon. Eight professions were made last year. Ten percent of the church budget is sent to the Cooperative Program and the church takes an active part in all phases of the denominational program.

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58 MAKE HONOR ROLL AT CLARKE COLLEGE

THE HONOR ROLL FOR THE FIRST TERM AT CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE HAS BEEN POSTED BY THE DEAN. THE LIST READS AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST

Childress, Dimple; King, Hansford; Humphrey, Roy; McPhail, Jasper; Pridgen, Rayford; Scott, Milton; Wheeler, Mrs. Elton.

SECOND

Aultman, George G.; Aultman, Paul David; Beatty, James; Ben, Fannie; Lou, Copeland, Tommy; Dunlap, Paul A.; Edwards, Dorothy; Ellerman, Cleo; Embry, Annie; Everett, Juanita; Faulkner, Ernestine; Foy, Mrs. Martha; Hardy, Christine; Harrell, Glen; Henderson, W. H.; Holder, Earl Moore; Humphrey, Mrs. Roy; Hurst, A. C.; Ishe, Harold C.; Jones, Fabia Rue; Kelly, Jane; Lewis, Mrs. Burt E.; Lott, Mary Lillian; McCoy, Luna Ramona; McDowell, Mrs. Ivory; McLaurin, Joyce Ann; Mason, George; May, Herman; Mooney, Clarice; Moore, William E.; Oglesby, Overl; Pitts, Sidney; Rester, Otho; Roane, Van B.; Robinson, Felix E.; Rutledge, Mack D.; Sibley, B. N.; Sibley, Mrs. B. N.; Smith, Mrs. Owen R.; Smith, Rachel Ann; Spears, Jessie Lee; Storie, Dorothy; Thomas, Mary V.; Tynes, Jamie Warren; Weaver, Lola Jean; White, Lerline; Wicker, Maurice F.; Williamson, Jeane; Wills, Mary; Wills, Robert; Wood, Hettie Nell.

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THE HINDS COUNTY W. M. U. WILL have its quarterly meeting on January 18, at Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson. Using as its theme, "To Give Knowledge of Salvation," the meeting will begin at 10:30. Mrs. J. E. Stephenson will lead in the Bible Meditation. Mrs. Olan Morgan, Associational Superintendent, will preside.

A Reader Writes

Dr. E. N. Patterson, professor of Homeletics at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has written the editor of the Christian Century questioning his sincerity or knowledge concerning Baptist affairs.

Dr. Patterson was formerly pastor of the First Church, Pascagoula.

The letter follows:

Editor, Christian Century
407 So. Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I wonder sometimes as I read your magazine, and I always read it, if you are as ignorant of what Southern Baptists believe as you seem to be, or if you just want to misrepresent us before your readers.

In the December 7 issue you make this statement, "The Oklahoma and Arkansas purges were intended to stop a growing tendency among Southern Baptists to accept members of other evangelical churches as Christian . . ." This implies something that is absolutely false and I am taking for granted that you do not know any better because of your lack of knowledge of the Baptist position on Salvation. I have never met a Baptist who questioned a person's salvation because he or she was a member of some other Evangelical church. Certainly you should know that Baptists believe that one is saved by his accepting Jesus Christ by faith as a personal Saviour apart from membership in any church.

We do have certain things in connection with church membership, as all other churches have, and we believe these things are based on the teaching of the New Testament. We have no falling out with any church teaching anything that it wishes to teach in connection with church membership, and we desire to have the same right for ourselves.

I might add this since you are leading in the ecumenical movement. We believe that Baptists have a message that no other Evangelical church can deliver for us, and because of this conviction we will continue of other denominations may already be located there. We believe that other churches which have like convictions should do the same thing. If a church does not have conviction that it has a message that no other church can deliver for it, then why not disband and go out of business?

I want you to know that this letter is going to all Southern Baptist papers in the South, and I believe you owe it to us to correct the false implication that you have left with your readers.

Very sincerely yours,
E. N. PATTERSON

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THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD (\$1.75)

by Richard R. Caemmerer, gives techniques for making an effective Christian witness in all areas of daily living. It shows how Christians should go about filling their sacred obligation of bringing joy and happiness to others. Order from Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo., or from the Baptist Book Store.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

GIFTS EXCEED 1948 GIFTS

State Mission Week of Prayer gifts for 1949 were \$36,211.03, which exceed 1948 gifts by more than \$500. This is most remarkable, since this Week of Prayer came in September, when our people fully realized the short crop for this year. There were 655 Societies who had a part—this represents an increase of 36 over 1948.

DISTRICT I

COPIAH—	
Antioch	\$ 25.30
Bethel	18.22
County Line	45.00
Crystal Springs	150.00
Gallman	12.00
Georgetown	81.60
Harmony	5.55
Hazlehurst	340.60
Hopewell	15.00
Pine Bluff	14.25
Pleasant Hill	8.00
Sardis	21.15
Smyrna	16.50
Spring Hill	15.00
Strong Hope	13.00
Wesson	42.70
Sylvarena	20.00
Damascus	24.00
Zion Hill	6.53
HINDS—	
Bethesda	51.00
Clinton	305.41
Jackson, Calvary	500.30
Jackson, Daniel	42.56
Jackson, Davis Memorial	50.00
Jackson, First	1500.00
Jackson, Griffith	93.55
Jackson, Northside	155.00
Jackson, Parkway	122.15
Jackson, Southside	36.94
Jackson, Van Winkle	45.95
Raymond	150.10
West Jackson	6.50
Leavell Woods	8.00
Immanuel, Jackson	31.51
Westview	1.50
Alta Woods	22.50
Forest Hill (Stwell)	17.15
Terry	69.12
Utica	61.15
Byram	22.42
Salem	11.00
Edwards	26.00
Miss. College (YWA)	14.50
New Haven	5.00
HOLMES—	
Cruger	22.50
Durant	70.26
Goodman	22.00
Lexington	62.04
Pickens	90.00
Tchula	52.50
MADISON—	
Camden	15.00
Canton, First	230.00
Canton, Center-Terrace	16.00
Madison	40.00
Ridgeland	30.00
Flora	92.55
RANKIN—	
Brandon	107.37
Briar Hill	50.06
Clear Branch	24.80
Clear Creek or Puckett	25.00
Dry Creek	8.22
Leesburg	9.30
Mt. Pisgah	17.74
Oakdale	69.27
Pearl City	5.00
Pelahatchie	37.95
Richland	9.30
Star	55.00
Steen's Creek	91.00
Union Church	6.00
Raul Truitt Memorial	12.00
Cross Roads	20.20
SIMPSON—	
Bethlehem	27.10
Beulah	10.00
Braxton	36.94
D'Lo	3.05
Goodwater	13.50
Harrisville	17.96
Magee	133.49
Mendenhall	22.00

Mt. Zion	24.10
Palestine	3.00
Pinola	18.75
Pleasant Hill	10.65
Shivers	13.90
Siloam	3.00
Stonewall	8.50
WARREN—	
Vicksburg, Bowmar Avenue	67.94
Vicksburg, Calvary	5.00
Vicksburg, First	187.68
Antioch (Wayside)	20.00
Woodlawn	27.78
Vicksburg, Immanuel	27.55
YAZOO—	
Anding	8.00
Benton	35.50
Black Jack	34.15
Center Ridge	26.05
Eden	14.00
Ogden	18.50
Oil City	28.25
Yazoo City, First	200.00
Yazoo City, Second	51.84
Concord	22.78
Tinsley	7.45

DISTRICT II

BOLIVER—	
Benolt	32.65
Boyle	86.07
Cleveland	208.00
Duncan	53.00
Interstate	4.00
Merigold	80.00
Morrison Chapel	18.00
Rosedale	85.00
Shaw	45.00
Shelby	75.33
Skene	12.00
Gunnison	15.85
Pace	13.41
DEER CREEK—	
Anguilla	101.50
Arcola	84.70
Belzoni	454.16
Cary	10.00
Catchings	10.00
Darlove	16.88
Greenville, Eastside	16.28
Greenville, First	490.00
Greenville, Second	83.70
Hollandale	104.43
Isola	12.35
Leland	478.80
Rolling Fork	45.37
Silver City	10.00
Swift Water	5.00
St. Bayow	10.25
LEFLORE—	
Greenwood, First	349.99
Greenwood, Second or Calvary	100.00
Itta Bena	179.00
Money, Riverside	40.00
Morgan City	60.00
Schlater	21.00
Sidon	21.60
Mt. Vernon	7.25
SUNFLOWER—	
Bethel No. 5	12.00
Blaine	2.65
Drew	183.63
Doddsville	56.00
Indianola	152.00
Inverness	84.25
Linn Church	11.44
New Hope	19.63
Moorhead	60.89
Rome	16.50
Ruleville	112.00
Sunflower	76.25
Bethany	2.00
Fairview	27.00
RIVERSIDE—	
Belen	26.00
Clarksdale	127.94
Crowder	145.28
Darling	10.00

Dundee	18.00
Jonestown	20.50
Lula	36.27
Lyon	87.00
Marks	141.04
Sledge	40.00
Tunica	179.11
Rena Lara	10.65

DISTRICT III

CALHOUN—	
Banner	15.00
Bruce	93.66
Calhoun City	296.44
Derma	52.00
Pittsboro	18.87
Slate Springs (Bethany)	32.95
Vardaman	26.55
Calvary	34.24
Saboula	20.00
Big Creek	4.50
CARROLL—	
Carrollton	13.55
North Carrollton	30.00
McCarley	4.34
Mt. Pisgah	5.00
Vaiden	8.75
DE SOTO—	
Eudora	42.90
Hernando	56.06
Horn Lake	23.50
New Prospect, Lewisburg	11.22
Olive Branch	18.00
Pleasant Hill	14.30
Eudora, Trinity	6.63
GRENADA—	
Grenada	600.00
Holcomb	21.50
LAFAYETTE—	
Oxford	142.30
Philadelphia	6.50
Yellow Leaf	35.00
Abbeville	16.00
Anchor	7.00
MARSHALL—	
Slayden	24.00
Potts Camp	5.00
Red Banks (Pleasant Grove)	6.00
Byhalia	34.24
Coldwater	4.10
Holly Springs	134.71
MONTGOMERY—	
Duck Hill	44.00
Kilmichael	10.40
Winona	137.23
PANOLA—	
Batesville	114.23
Como	28.05
Courtland	14.25
Crenshaw	30.00
Goodhope	9.25
Liberty Hill	3.00
McIvor	25.55
Peach Creek	33.50
Pope	12.80
Union Church	5.00
White Oak Grove	10.25
Hebron	10.00
TALLAHATCHIE—	
Paynes	30.00
Charleston	321.37
Phillip	25.00
Sumner	44.00
Tutwiler	127.46
Webb	45.66
TATE—	
Arkabutla (Hopewell)	13.67
Central, Coldwater, First	114.25
Evansville	14.90
Mt. Zion	10.00
Senatobia	126.09
Wyatt	8.40
YALABUSHA—	
Coffeeville	41.30
Oakland	8.30
Water Valley	80.95

DISTRICT IV

ALCORN—	
Corinth, First	198.85
Corinth, West	57.54
Hinkle Creek	15.50
Tate Street (Corinth)	55.00
Rienzi	18.00
CHICKASAW—	
Houka	40.00
Houston	110.00
Okolona	41.35
Van Vleet	3.00
ITAWAMBA—	
Fulton, Trinity Baptist	10.00
Evergreen	10.00

TATE ST. GIVES \$335 TO MISSIONS ON CHRISTMAS

Realizing the great need for foreign missions, a special free will offering was taken for this great cause at Tate Street Church, Corinth, on Christmas Day. A part from the regular tithes and offerings a total of \$335 was contributed for foreign mission work.

There were 381 people attending Sunday School.

The pastor, Rev. H. B. Speights, used as his topic for Christmas Day "God Put Another Star In The Sky."

LEE—

Auburn	23.73
Nettleton	25.00
Plantersville	47.80
Priceville	10.00
Richmond	15.00
Saltillo	37.95
Sherman	79.23
Tupelo, Calvary	424.86
Tupelo, First	400.00
Tupelo, East	16.00
Tupelo, Harrisburg	45.24
Union Hill, Limestone	6.10
Verona	30.00
Guntown	44.00
Bissell	45.02

MONROE—

Aberdeen	200.00
Amory	237.78
Becker	7.00
Center Hill Hamilton	5.00
Central Grove	10.00

PONTOTOC—

Ecu	26.50
Longview	29.00
Pontotoc	215.85
Randolph	15.65
Toxish	19.00
Zion	17.00
Cherry Creek	28.20
West Heights	16.07
Shady Grove	10.00

PRENTISS—

Baldwyn	84.10
Booneville	130.00
Wheeler	26.50
TIPPAH—	
Ashland	15.00
Blue Mountain	172.27
Chalybeate	53.92
Harmony	17.00
Ripley	116.81
Walnut	32.10

TISHOMINGO—

New Prospect	5.00
Belmont	13.38
Iuka	33.00
Tishomingo	8.70

UNION—

Bethel	5.00
Glenfield	12.00
Myrtle	32.63
Neely Memorial	3.00
New Albany	122.84
Mt. Pleasant	16.00
Center	11.00
Ingomar	26.50
Myrtle Temple	7.50

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THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a copy of the minutes of the Jones County Association. The map of the county which is included in the minutes is particularly helpful. The map shows the location of all churches in the county. Rev. H. J. Rushing is the moderator and Rev. John L. Gilbert, clerk.

Finds Christianity Made Gains In 1949

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—(RNS)—Christianity made many important gains in 1949 despite continuing world unrest and uncertainty, Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, head of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church, stated in his annual year-end message.

Bishop Pfohl pointed to four important factors which, he said, spearheaded the advance of Christianity. They were:

- (1) The growing activity of the Bible societies, especially the American Bible Society.
- (2) The United Evangelistic Advance, sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches and 11 non-member Churches.
- (3) A stronger emphasis upon the religious element in education. Bishop Pfohl noted increased interest in the problem of providing religious instruction in the public schools.
- (4) The organization of the churches' laymen. This is a wholesome movement, he declared, which should have been instituted long ago.

THE 76TH ANNUAL VOLUME OF PELOUBET'S SELECT NOTES (\$2.75) has been prepared by Dr. Wilbur M. Smith. The volume, which is a commentary on the International Sunday School Lessons, is the sixteenth edition by Dr. Smith and contains full-page reproductions of famous paintings. Order from the publisher, W. A. Wilde Company, 131 Clarendon Street, Boston, Mass., or from The Baptist Book Store.

WANTED—A GOOD RECIPE FOR preparing a Sunday School lesson in fifteen minutes, as I am too busy to give more time. Address Miss Society Belle, corner Gadabout and Folly Streets.



MISS SHIRLEY ANN LANG

Shown above is Miss Shirley Ann Lang of Hickory Grove Church in Lauderdale County, who represented that association at the recent State Training Union Convention in the Junior Memory Work drill.

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Eastside Has Study Course Organizes Nursery Dept.

Eastside Church, Rankin County, held a Sunday School study course in December. Rev. Paul Boothe, of the State Sunday School Department, taught the book "Making the Sunday School Standard." There were 32 enrolled.

As a direct result of the course, a nursery was organized under the leadership of Mrs. Douglass Izard. Rev. L. S. Polk is the pastor.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

MEMBERSHIP CARDS — DO YOU HAVE YOURS?

Most men carry membership cards in a number of organizations. If you are a member of a Brotherhood, why not carry your membership card? We have a generous supply which are yours for the asking and we are reproducing the card below for your information.

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Brother _____ is enrolled in the Brotherhood of _____ Church

Secretary Church Brotherhood _____ **LAWSON H. COOKE**
Executive Sec. Baptist Brotherhood of the South

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The Baptist Brotherhood of the South is committed to the following outline of policy:

1. Loyalty to the Pastor.
2. Co-operation with every denominational agency.
3. Co-operation with every department and organization of the church.
4. A greater emphasis upon personal evangelism.
5. Increased circulation of our denominational papers.
6. Tithes brought weekly into the storehouse, and offerings in addition, especially in emergencies.
7. Progressive advance in church budgets.
8. Fifty-fifty division of all receipts as the ideal.
9. Liberal support and patronage of denominational institutions.
10. Proclamation of the gospel to the uttermost part of the earth.

Has Your EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Met?

Very seldom does a Brotherhood ever make a success of its work unless it has a good Executive Committee meeting once a month, at least. It is hard for us to understand how some folk can "fuss" about the lack of a "Brotherhood Program" when they, themselves, do nothing about trying to foster one in their own churches.

The Training Union, Sunday School, W. M. U., Church (usually through Deacons), have Executive Committee or Council meetings to plan work. What about the Brotherhood?

Presbyterians, Free Methodists Lead In Per Capita Giving

ATLANTA, Ga.—(RNS)—Per capita giving in the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) in 1949 was \$52.64—largest figure of any Protestant denomination having a membership of 250,000 or more, it was announced at the denomination's headquarters here. The figures were based on statistics compiled by the United Stewardship Council.

Largest per capita giving of any denomination affiliated with the Stewardship Council, regardless of size, was \$148.21, received by the Free Methodist Church. This represents a contribution of \$2.85 per week per member. The Presbyterian total breaks down to a little more than \$1 a week per member.

About 75 cents a week was given by the 2,330,136 members of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. ("Northern") to achieve a per capita figure of \$36.94. The Methodist Church with a given total of 8,651,062 members, was reported as attaining a per capita figure of \$22.70, or less than 50 cents weekly per member. Southern Baptists, with 6,000,000 members, received a total of \$156,606,414, or about 50 cents a week per member.

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Charge Italians Close Mission School, Orphanage

ABILENE, Tex.—(RNS)—A mission school and orphanage operated by the Church of Christ at Frascati, Italy, has been closed and its 22 boys ordered out by the Frascati chief of police, it was disclosed here by denominational officials.

At the same time, a cable from Cline R. Paden, missionary to Frascati, revealed that seven missionaries at the closed school face the loss of their temporary visas. The visas are valid until Jan. 13, 1950.

Several hundred Christmas packages have been confiscated by Italian customs officials in recent days, Paden said, and he requested that American members of the Church of Christ stop sending such gifts.

The mission school at Frascati, it became known, had been operating under verbal permission given by County Bulioni, vice prefect of Rome.

Gerald Paden of Abilene Christian College here said that it was only because of pressure exerted by the State Department last July that the seven missionaries had been able to remain in Frascati to operate the orphanage.

(Editor's Note: This is just another example of religious freedom where the Catholics are in the majority.)

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AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: Rev. Phil J. Walker, Vicksburg; Rev. A. A. Ward, Centerville; Dr. W. J. Fallis, Nashville; Rev. J. C. Anderson, Seaside, Calif.; Rev. Fred Williams, John M. Bridges, Clinton; Rev. James P. Brewer, Clinton; Mrs. Paul Kirke, Clinton; Miss Rose Ellen Goodrich, Cincinnati, Ohio; Rev. Earl Brooks, Hopewell; Mrs. C. R. Gartin, Jackson; Rev. Guy Henderson, Clinton.

EIGHTEEN MEMBERS OF ROCKY Creek Church in George County attended the State Training Union Convention in Jackson in December. Eric Geiger represented the church in Young People's contest; Marcia Thigpen in the Junior hymn playing contest, rating excellent; the girls' ensemble, in the small ensemble contest. Also in December a pouding was given to the pastor, J. B. Stewart. This week the church is having a Sunday School study course, using the text "Studies in Acts."

THE LAST MEETING OF THE PAS- tors' and laymen's conference for the year 1949 met at Big Creek, Dec. 20 and was of special interest because of the introduction of the new Associational Missionary, Rev. S. B. Harrington, and the new pastor at Calhoun City, Rev. Cutrel, who comes from Arkansas.

BROOKHAVEN — (SPECIAL) — THE Rev. V. J. Moss, formerly of Laurel, is the new Baptist pastor at Pleasant Grove in Lincoln county. He and his family occupy the pastor's home at Pleasant Grove and he continues his studies at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, from which he will be graduated in May. Born and reared in Jasper and Jones counties, he attended Clark Memorial College at Newton and was graduated from the Jones County Junior College at Ellisville.

THE INVITATION ISSUED BY POPE Pius XII to all Christian groups to return to the Roman Catholic Church, which he called the "perennial fountain of truth, salvation and benediction" have not been accepted by any religious groups as yet.

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RE- ceived a copy of the first annual minutes of the newly organized Lamar County Association. Rev. E. M. Bilbo is the moderator and P. T. Eubanks is the clerk.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM FLEMING of Fort Worth have offered \$100,000 to Baylor University on the Tidwell Bible Building, provided Baylor raises \$100,000 on the \$600,000 building during 1950.

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RE- ceived a copy of the minutes of the Greene County Association. Douglas W. Daughdrill is the moderator and Joe Walley is the secretary. The minutes are well arranged and the printers did a good job.

ON JANUARY 8 AT THE NEWTON Church, twelve people made decisions for Christ: Three joined the church by letter, two by baptism two surrendered for the ministry, one as a missionary nurse, and two for full-time Christian service; two others came for reconsecration. Rev. R. A. Morris is the pastor.

THE COMBINED YOUTH CHOIRS OF the Courtland Church, Panola Association, presented a candle light "Service of Song" at the evening service on December 25. Rev. L. D. Baird is the pastor.

REV. A. H. CHILDRESS BECOMES Principal of the Ellard High School following the resignation of Prof. Beckett. A half-time pastorate at Concord nearby brings this fine preacher and his family to be residents of Calhoun county.

CHARLES WELLBORN, THE 26- year-young speaker on the coast-to-coast Baptist Hour the first quarter of 1950, was converted while a student at Baylor University. Fellow students led him to Christ in one of the unique youth revivals initiated at Baylor.

EAST MOSS POINT CHURCH OR- dained four of its members as deacons on January 8. They were: Lee Almond, J. E. Thompson, Hubert Rasberry and Arnold Simmons. Rev. Zeno Wells, pastor, preached the ordination sermon.

PROVIDENCE CHURCH OF BOLIVAR County has installed a heating system in the new church building. Efforts are being made to pay off the building debt of \$640 by donations.

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE of Medicine at Houston is Southern Baptists' sole source for the training of medical missionaries in a Baptist institution. Baylor also has a College of Dentistry and a School of Nursing at Dallas, in addition to its primary campus at Waco.

AN INCOMPARABLE GIFT BOOK for the sick and suffering, the aged, sorrowing and bereaved is **VICTORY OVER SUFFERING**, (\$2) by William Gouloze. It includes a mass of testimonies from Christian sick who have been comforted, and will be a joy and comfort to others. Order from the Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan, or from the Baptist Book Store.

THE CHALICE OF THE HEART (\$2) by Mary Gray points out that the purpose of man's incarnation and the plan of evolution has been known to all the great religions of the past. It is a thought-provoking book of inspiration and philosophy. Order from the Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Ave., Boston 20, Mass., or from the Baptist Book Store.

THE HILL CALLED MOON (\$1.75) by Elizabeth Routh Pool depicts that part of Africa in which she and her husband, Dr. James Christopher Pool, have served in mission work at the Baptist Mission Compound at Oke Osupa. Mrs. Pool does not give an exhaustive study of every phase of the African mission work, but only a very interesting portion of that section which she knows intimately. Order from the Oklahoma Baptist University Press, Shawnee, Okla., or from the Baptist Book Store.

WHAT TO SAY AT A FUNERAL PRE- sents a great problem to ministers. Thirty funeral sermons, written by various individuals, have been compiled by the Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo., and the book is entitled **THE LIFE THAT NEVER ENDS** (\$2). Sermons, including the scripture passage, are included for every situation and are conveniently indexed. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

AN 84-PAGE BOOK HAS BEEN WRIT- ten by Jerome O. Williams, of Nashville, which will be of great help to those in the ministry, entitled **THE GOSPEL PREACHER AND HIS PREACHING** (\$1). It is divided into the following five parts: The Preacher's Personality, The Preacher's Position, The Preacher's Preparation for Preaching, The Preacher's Preparation of Sermons, and The Preacher's Preaching. Order from the Broadman Press or from the Baptist Book Store.

O. O. Davis Goes To Columbia To Serve As Assistant Pastor

Rev. O. O. Davis, who has served as pastor of Improve Church, Marion county, for the past six and one-half years has resigned there in order to become assistant to Dr. J. T. Horton, pastor of the First Church, Columbia.

During Mr. Davis' pastorate at Improve there were 84 additions to the church, the annual budget increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and gifts to the Cooperative Program increased from \$300 to \$1,800.

The church was redecorated inside and outside and re-roofed with slate.

And according to Mr. Davis, "Last but not least by any means the church adopted the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record and the interest in all the denominational causes grew."

Concerning the work of Pastor Davis, the church reporter said, "Brother Davis and his talented wife have unceasingly and patiently labored for the spiritual welfare of all of us and the expansion of God's Kingdom."

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BAPTISTS, HOLD THAT LINE (\$1) by M. E. Ramay is a series of lectures delivered during the 1949 session of Falls Creek Baptist Assembly in Oklahoma at the "Doctrinal Hour." The lectures show what Baptists believe and why. Order from the author, Rev. M. E. Ramay, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma, or from the Baptist Book Store.

INTUITION (\$2.50) by ZOE HATHAWAY is the author's endeavor to carry out an assignment which she considers "closely related to what Jesus tried, apparently in vain, to give to the world." Miss Hathaway attempts to base God and His laws upon science, showing that religion is scientific. Order from the Christopher Publishing House, Boston, 1140 Columbus Avenue, Boston 20, Mass., or the Baptist Book Store.

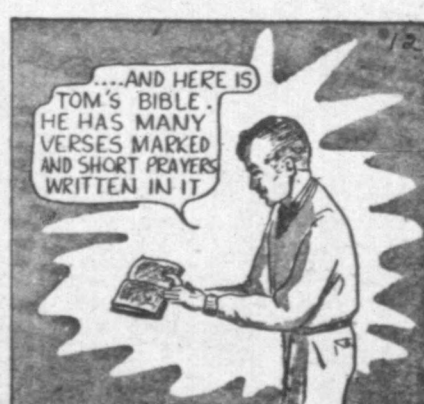
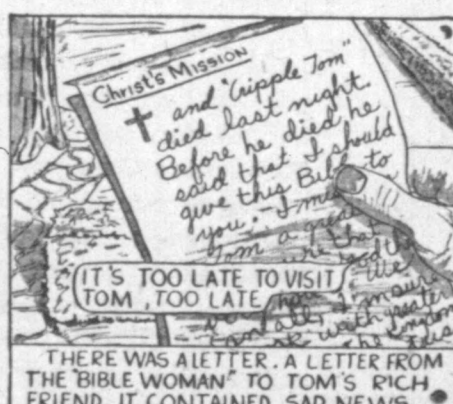
BRUCE—DR. CHARLES D. JOHN- son, native of Calhoun County, has accepted an invitation to deliver the dedicatory address at the historic Mt. Moriah church in August, when a new brick building will be dedicated. Organized Oct. 7, 1844, it is one of the oldest in this section.

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FOR WE HAVE THIS TREASURE (\$2.)

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BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

STATE TRAINING UNION CONVENTION

The State Training Union Convention assembled for its opening session on Thursday morning, December 29, at First Baptist Church, Jackson. President L. Gordon Sansing presided throughout the two-day conclave composed of hundreds of Mississippi Baptists.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, South-wide Training Union workers, were out-of-state speakers. Mr. Lambdin brought the address at the opening session on the Training Union theme for 1950: "In Christ Is God's Everlasting Yes." Mrs. Lambdin spoke at the evening session on "Laborers Together with God." Mr. and Mrs. Lambdin led conferences for adults, young people, intermediates, and juniors.

Other highlights of the general program included illustrated songs by Mrs. L. R. Alford, Scoobia; an original pantomime, "My Family and I," written and presented by Mrs. Bethel Ferguson, Jackson; Music Festival; contests and demonstration. Climax of the convention was reached as Miss Edna Labbous, student nurse at the Baptist Hospital, brought the closing address, "Do Unto Others as Ye Would Have Others Do Unto You."

Contests and demonstrations at the convention came as a result of months of preparation by all participants. Miss Jimmie Nell Rushing from Salem in Waltham County won first place in the Intermediate Sword Drill. Miss Barbara Birt from Greenwood won first place in the Young People's Better Speaking Tournament. This also entitled her to a \$100 scholarship from Blue Mountain College. William Lowrey Compere, Jr., of Jackson won second place and received a \$100 scholarship from Mississippi College. Miss Rushing and Miss Birt will represent Mississippi in the South-wide contests at Ridgecrest this summer.

Twenty-eight of the thirty participants were perfect in the Junior Memory Work Drill. Twenty Story Hour children entered the Story Telling Demonstration. Mrs. Fred Thompson, West Laurel, was selected to tell her Adult Human Interest Story before the convention. Demonstrations were given to the convention by representatives from all groups.

A new feature of the convention this year was the Music Festival. Under the direction of W. C. Morgan, State Associate, over 500 people participated in junior and intermediate hymn playing and ensembles. A mass chorus presented special music for the convention on Thursday evening.

The convention program was directed by Auber J. Wilds, who for thirty-two years has been State Training Union Secretary. Members of the State Training Union Department who helped to make the convention a success were W. C. Morgan, Associate; Misses Louise Hill, Gladys Bryant, and Alene Johnson. The state-approved workers also appeared on the program.

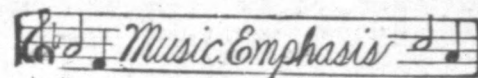
The Convention will meet on December 28-29, 1950 at First Baptist Church, Columbus. Newly-elected officers who will serve during that convention are: President, Kermit R. Cofer of Water Valley; Vice-President,

Rev. William G. Watson J. McComb; and Secretary, Miss Gordy Hughes of Quitman.

Interest Shown In Bible Reader's Crusade In 1950

Judging from the many requests that have come to the Training Union Office during the latter part of December and the first of the New Year, it seems that numbers of churches are launching the Bible Reader's Campaign in an effort to enlist people who are not in Training Union to read their Bible daily.

We appreciate this fine response for 1950, and we still have some Bible Reading Guides available for the first quarter. Write for yours if you haven't already, and plan for this Crusade in your church.



Music Echos From The State Convention

Below is a list of Ensembles and Hymn Players with ratings. These represent a partial list of those who participated in our Music Division of the State Training Union Convention.

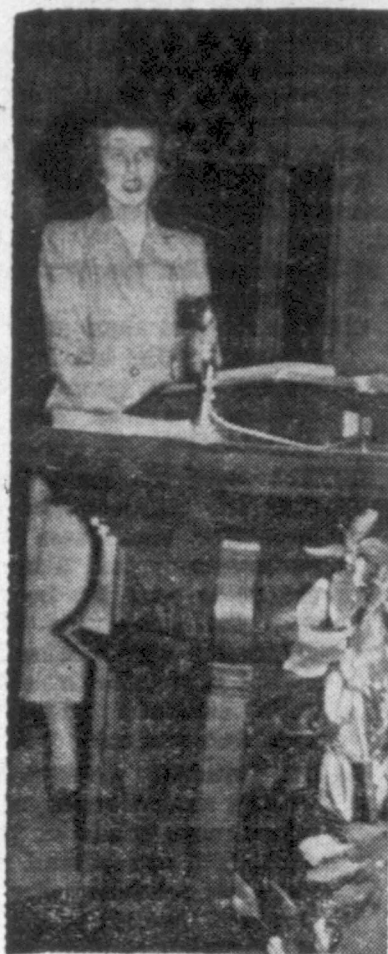
LARGE ENSEMBLES: Bunkerhill, Excellent; First—Booneville, Superior; Spring Creek—Philadelphia, Good; First—McComb, Superior; Second Ave. Baptist—Laurel, Excellent; First—Booneville, Good; First—Columbus, -Excellent; Salem—Collins, Good; Friendship—McComb; East McComb, Excellent; Aberdeen, Superior; Van Winkle—Jackson, Superior; First—Jackson, Superior.

SMALL ENSEMBLES: First—Brookhaven, Superior; West Laurel, Excellent; Liberty, Excellent; First—Baldwyn, Excellent; First—Scooba, Excellent; Bethany—Merigold, Good; New Hope—Drew, Good; Bruce, Excellent; Rocky Creek—Lucedale, Good; Wheeler, Excellent.

The above list of ensembles represents a total membership of nearly 400. From a survey of the ensembles, it is found that the above list represents a faithful group of fine singers who serve the respective churches Sunday by Sunday. Also, a study of the churches represented, it is found that ensembles from all types and sizes of churches are represented. This ensemble program is reaching into every corner of the state. It is also noted that a variety of ratings were received. These with the lower ratings have made a fine start, and those with high ratings will be an incentive to all others to strive for a higher rating of efficiency. A group of pre-selected judges worked in perfect harmony in judging, and arrived at a very high standard of judging for all of the music. A group of four judges rated all of the ensembles. All of the judges were highly trained musicians, a word of appreciation goes to all of the judges for this most excellent service.

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MISS BARBARA BIRT

Miss Barbara Birt, Greenwood, sophomore at Blue Mountain College who won a statewide young people's public speaking contest at the State Training Union Convention at Jackson in December. She will represent Mississippi at the Southern Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C., in July where she will compete with speakers from the other 21 states comprising the convention.

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NASHVILLE, TENN.—(BP)—DR. Warner G. Tutledge, 45, state Sunday school secretary for Tennessee Baptists died of a heart attack on December 20. He had been in the position for five years. Prior to that he had been pastor of the church at Bartlett, Tennessee. He was a graduate of Carson-Newman College and had attended Southern Seminary. Survivors include his wife, the former Ada Williams. His successor has not yet been named.

PROVIDE BIBLES FOR HUNGRY-HEARTED PEOPLE

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MRS. BLANCHE MARTIN MATTINGLY

Mrs. Blanche Martin Mattingly, widow of the late Kemp Mattingly, was born October 6, 1873 at Hardy and died December 23, 1949 at Grenada after a short illness.

She was the daughter of James A. Martin and Frances Griffin Martin of Hardy where she resided until her marriage February 2, 1896 to Mr. Mattingly of Jackson, Louisiana.

Uniting with the Baptist Church in her early teens she was baptized by Dr. Z. T. Leavell and was an active member wherever she lived.

She attended Mississippi State College for Women and Art School of Grenada College.

After her husband's death she served in several capacities at the University of Mississippi for twelve years, retiring voluntarily in 1946 and returning to Grenada where she lived until her death.

Mrs. Mattingly was descended from the Jennings, Griffis and Martin families all of whom came from Edgefield, South Carolina, more than one-hundred years ago and settled near Grenada.

Their ancestors had immigrated from England to Amelia County, Virginia, among the early colonists and have been prominent in the fields of finance, medicine, the ministry and letters.

She was the last member of her immediate family with survivors being two nephews, John W. Martin of Grenada and James A. Martin of Biloxi.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Grenada on Christmas Eve with her pastor, Dr. G. E. Wiley in charge, assisted by two former pastors, Dr. F. M. Purser of Oxford and Dr. A. L. O'Brian of Grenada. Burial was in the family plot in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

She was greatly loved for her genial, happy personality and evidenced a high regard for others in her daily life where she exemplified a true Christian character. She was devoted to her family and church and was always her pastor's friend.

LUCY JENNINGS O'BRIANT
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New National Plan Pays Up To \$500 Cash When Sick, Injured

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NEW ORLEANS—The widely known National Health & Accident Association has just announced a new health and accident plan that pays \$85 cash a month for both stated Sickness and Accidents—plus \$125 additional benefit for accidents requiring hospital treatment—and yet costs as little as \$1 a month, or \$11 if paid yearly in advance. The purpose of this new plan is to bring sickness and accident protection within reach of the average man and woman who do not have large savings with which to meet sudden doctor or hospital bills, or loss of income.

The new plan also has a double indemnity feature covering travel accidents. This new feature covers all types of transportation including Buses, Street Cars, Trains—even Airplane travel. Another special attraction is the clause that pays \$25 cash for doctor bills for simple accidents, including a cut finger. In case of

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Men and women in good health between the ages of 16 and 75 are eligible for this protection, regardless of occupation, race or color. There is a slight increase in premium for people over the age of 65—but no decrease in benefits. There is no medical examination. A simple statement that you are in good health is all that is required. Benefits begin at once for accident and for sickness contracted 30 days from date of policy.

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MISS HELEN YOUNG

Miss Helen Young, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, will direct the Beginner conferences at our Mississippi Sunday School Convention in the First Baptist Church of Greenwood, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14-15.

This means that all Beginner workers who attend that Convention will have a most capable and effective leader. She is doing a great work in this field of service in our Southern Baptist Convention.

Please remember this date, and mark it on your calendar—March 14-15.

HURRAH NO EXAMINATIONS!

This is NEWS indeed!

Hereafter no examination is required for Sunday school training course credits for any who attend ALL class sessions and finish reading the book by the close of the course.

This will be welcome news to many of our people, and we are certainly glad to give it.

Of course, there will be no change in requirements for credit for those who do not attend all sessions and finish reading the book by the close of the course.

DIRECTIONS FOR THE TEACHING AND STUDY OF THE BOOKS FOR CREDIT

I. Directions for the Teacher

1. Ten class periods of forty-five minutes each, or the equivalent, are required for the completion of a book for credit.

2. The teacher of a training class is given, when requested, an award on the book taught.

3. The teacher shall give a written examination covering the subject matter in the textbook, and the student shall make a minimum grade of 70 per cent. The examination may take the form of assigned work to be done between the class sessions, in the class sessions, or as a final examination at the end of the course.

EXCEPTION: All who attend all of the class sessions; who read the book through by the close of the course; and who, in the judgment of the teacher, do the classwork satisfactorily may be exempted from taking the examination.

4. Application for Sunday school awards should be sent to the state Sunday School department and for Training Union awards to the state Training Union department. These

departments will provide the forms for these applications. They should be made in duplicate and both copies sent.

II. Directions for the Student

1. In Classwork.

(1) The student must attend at least six of the ten forty-five minute class periods to be entitled to take the class examination.

(2) The student must certify that the textbook has been read. (In rare cases where students may find it impracticable to read the book before the completion of the classwork, the teacher may accept a promise to read the book carefully within the next two weeks.)

(3) The student must take a written examination, making a minimum grade of 70 per cent. (All who attend all of the class sessions; who read the book through by the close of the course; and who, in the judgment of the teacher, do satisfactory classwork may be exempted from taking the examination.)

2. In Individual Study by Correspondence.

Those who for any reason wish to study the book without the guidance of a teacher will use one of the following methods:

- (1) Write answers to the questions printed in the book, or
- (2) Write a development of the chapter outlines.

If the first method is used, the student will study the book and then with the open book write answers to the printed questions.

If the second method is used, the student will study the book and then with the open book write a development of the chapter outlines.

In either case the student must read the book through.

Students may find profit in studying the text together, but where awards are requested, individual papers are required. Carbon copies or duplicates in any form cannot be accepted.

All written work done by such students on books for Sunday school credit should be sent to the state Sunday school secretary. All of such work done on books for Training Union credit should be sent to the state Training Union secretary.

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Midway Makes Progress Under Leadership of Pastor Metts

Midway Church, near Jackson, is making progress under the leadership of the new pastor, Ira F. Metts, who came on the field on October 1. From that time through Christmas, there were 16 additions to the church. The attendance as well as finances, has grown steadily.

A great deal of work has been done on the church plant. In order to save the cost of labor most of the work is being done by the men of the church; therefore, all finances in the building fund go into materials for the building.

The church began the new year by studying Dr. John L. Hill's book on "The Gospel of John."

JAMES WHITFIELD CHAMBERS

CLINTON — James Whitfield Chambers, 86, died at the home of Mrs. Charles Smith in Clinton on January 1 after a long illness. He had been a resident of Clinton and its vicinity for the past 36 years. He was the son of the late Dr. Absalem and Mrs. Anna Turpin Chambers of Gallatin County, Kentucky. As a member of the Class of 1884, Mr. Chambers was one of the oldest living graduates of the collegiate department of Kentucky Military Institute where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Fraternity. Mr. Chambers was at different times a civil engineer, merchant, telephone company executive, real estate dealer, planter and stockman.

In 1914 with his family he moved from Winchester, Kentucky, to "Belvedere Place," his plantation in Hinds County three miles north of Clinton, and engaged in farming and stock raising. For the past five years he has resided in Clinton. At Winchester, Ky., Mr. Chambers was an organizer and deacon of the Central Baptist Church, and since 1914 has been a member and deacon of the Clinton Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Orra Browne Chambers of Clinton, one son, Moreau B. Chambers, a Foreign Affairs Analyst with the U. S. Department of State, and a grandson, James Ross Chambers, both of Arlington, Va., and the following nephews and nieces: Capt. Harry J. Abbett, U. S. N. (Ret.) of Coronado, Calif.; Edward B. Ebbett and Anna G. Abbett of Covington, Ky.; Leon Abbett of Clearwater, Fla.; Mrs. J. Kirtley Bannister of Lima, Ohio, and Mrs. Wilbur S. Corkran of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Monday afternoon, Jan. 2, at the Clinton Baptist Church with interment at the Clinton Cemetery. Dr. J. R. Hitt conducted the service assisted by the Pastor, Rev. Nolan M. Kennedy.

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RELIEVE BIBLE FAMINE! American Bible Society Offering, January 22



Mr. C. C. Elsey, Aurora, Missouri will be available for revival meetings after Jan. 1, 1950. He has had many years experience directing music and leading in evangelistic campaigns. He was for many years with The Home Mission Board. Write him direct to above address or in care of E. N. Elsey, Box 55, Clinton, Mississippi.



Shown above is one of the many attractive church signs being erected by Baptist churches throughout Mississippi.

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DR. W. R. WHITE, PRESIDENT OF Baylor University, a Texas Baptist institution at Waco, has been named to make the Christian education address at the Baptist World Congress at Cleveland, July 22-27. Dr. White formerly was executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

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SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS JANUARY 23

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By BRACEY CAMPBELL
January 15
FELLOWSHIP AMONG THE EARLY
CHRISTIANS. Acts 2-5.

I. A GLANCE AT THE RECENT HISTORY

We studied last week the spectacular and supernatural events occurring on the day of Pentecost. And before that the story of our Lord's last earthly interview with His disciples and His return to heaven. From this wonderful scene of His going up into heaven, the disciples of our Lord returned into Jerusalem where they waited His will for them. They abode in the city, rejoicing in the facts of His resurrection, His appearances to them, His words of comfort, assurance and command, His departure from them and the words of promise of the men in white who stood by them to assure them that "This same Jesus who was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld Him going into heaven."

"Then ten days of waiting ended, came the descent of the Spirit, the accompanying gift of tongues, the wonder of the people, the preaching of Peter, the personal work of the disciples, the harvest of 3,000 souls in a day. Today we study the conditions in the new society of Christians growing out of the chain of events which culminated in Pentecost; for this outpouring of divine power remains the standard by which the churches through the ages is to measure their zeal; purpose, spirit, program and achievements. From amidst the richness of the materials offered us for study today, we must pick and choose a very few for notice.

II. STEADFAST ADHERENCE TO THE APOSTOLIC TEACHING

Christianity is not a system men build up; it is a system handed down. Christianity is not an evolution; it is a revelation. Christianity is not primarily a religion; Christianity is primarily a life. Christian teachings are not vain abstractions about God; they are very definite revelations of His character, His righteousness, and His will regarding man, the faith of man, the life of man, the activities of man, the destiny of man.

The beginning of the Christian life is in an effort to find out what Christian teachings are and to practice them. From the very first this is the main task and objective. "What wilt thou have me to do" has been the query of the convicted sinner through all the years, and after the sinner has been converted, it remains the query of the Christian forever. They strove to learn the teaching and to practice it as they learned it, and so, "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching."

III. SHARED ALL POSSESSIONS

"Fellowship" is the translation of a word which means sharing. These people shared their Christian joys and experiences, their prayers and singings, their food and drink, and, above and beyond all, I verily believe, they shared their duties toward the Lord. Here is a point we are prone to forget, but we ought to point all our Christian lives by this pointer, Fellowship occurs when people share utterly with their associates and receive gladly what their associates share with them.

Now, the first disciples had received from the Lord a directive that they should be witnesses unto Him where they were and even where they were not to the uttermost bounds of the earth. Is this directive of the Lord, this declaration to the disciples on the Mount of Olives, as He was about to go away from them, in the nature of a task assigned them? If so, is the task assigned to them alone? Nay, his task is one in which all Chris-



JIMMIE NELL RUSHING

Shown above is Jimmie Nell Rushing, of Salem Church in Walthall County, who won first place in the Intermediate sword drill at the State B.T.U. Convention, December 29. She will represent Mississippi at Ridgecrest in July. Rev. J. Dallas Wallace is the pastor at Salem.

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Lincoln Co. Pastors Meet

BROOKHAVEN—At the first 1950 meeting of the Lincoln County Pastor's Conference on Monday, two new members, the Rev. C. K. Rand, a missionary with the Home Mission Board, with headquarters in Brookhaven, and the Rev. V. J. Moss, the new pastor at Pleasant Grove Baptist church, were welcomed.

Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor of the First Church, spoke on the conduct of a funeral service. The president, the Rev. F. L. Coker, pastor of the New Prospect Church, presided.

tians in the city before and all after Pentecost have fellowship.

IV. THE CHURCH SOCIAL

Christianity makes people social, companionable, approachable, delightful in conversation and pleasant in their attitudes toward life. They will desire to get together for Christian social intercourse, and they will do it. They did it here in Jerusalem, and so we have it written, "In the breaking of bread," and I think this means they ate together, enjoyed a social hour at the church, had Christian social intercourse among themselves, during which period I make no doubt there was rejoicings and expressions of rejoicings among them.

V. THE LORD'S SUPPER

Just as when the Lord instituted the supper in the upper room in the night of His betrayal, the observance of the Lord's supper here followed the love feast or social hour here in Jerusalem among these early Christians.

Allow me again to exhibit my rag baby. I do not think people commit a positive wrong when they observe the Lord's supper at mid-day; but I want you to remember that the Lord's supper was and is a supper, that it was instituted at supper time, and that these early Christians observed it as a supper, served at supper time.

Who attended the supper at the first? There was the Lord and His chosen band, none others. (There is a question as to whether Judas was even present at the institution.) Who was present at the observances in this first church in Jerusalem? Only the members of the church. If our churches now observed it at supper time and at a special service called for this purpose, four-fifths of the trouble and embarrassment we are now having on account of the practice of open communion would disappear.

Miss. Sends 1st CROP Train

Train carloads of farm commodities given by Mississippi farmers and purchased with contributions of money by church members of all denominations through Christian Rural Overseas Program are being loaded for shipment to ports and by boat to the overseas hungry. The U. S. Government pays ocean freight on CROP shipments, in recognition of the contribution toward world peace in this greatest gesture of church cooperation.

First train carload of shelled corn was contributed by Lee county farmers—supplemented by donations of cash from local churches, which was converted into corn. Sam P. Marshall is county chairman of the Lee county CROP committee. Rev. C. E. Patch of Baldwin is district supervisor.

January 8-22 is designated as "clean-up" weeks. Individuals and groups, such as Sunday school classes, who are interested should consult their local Ministers or County Agent.

Other counties driving for carload shipments during the early part of January include Marion, Pontotoc, Jones, Alcorn, Lawrence, Coahoma, Copiah, Covington Hinds Humphreys, Marshall, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pike, Prentiss, Sunflower, Walthall, Webster and Winston, with Greene and Wayne combining for a carload. Produce donated consists principally of corn, cotton, milk and cane syrup.

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DURING THE PAST TWELVE months 456 people have united with Main Street Church, Hattiesburg. One hundred and forty-three of these came by baptism. During the year there were additions to the church every Sunday with the exception of three.

DR. VACLAV BENES, NEPHEW OF Dr. Eduard Benes, late President of Czechoslovakia, will lecture at 7:30 Monday evening, Jan. 16, in the Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium of Blue Mountain College on the subject "The Fate of Europe." The lecture is a public service by the college and no admission charge will be made.

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Southern Baptist Broadcasting And The Federal Council of Churches

By DR. S. F. LOWE

Secretary

S.B.C. Radio Commission

When the Radio Commission launched its current Baptist Hour on ABC on a commercial basis it ceased to participate in the broadcasting schedule of the Southern Religious Radio Conference on a free basis. This was essential. Hence, the broadcasting schedule of this Conference was left to the other member-groups, all of whom are members of The Federal Council of Churches. Furthermore, all the present members of the Southern Religious Radio Conference are active members of the Protestant Radio Commission which is affiliated with the Federal Council. Thus, this network on a free broadcast basis is to all practical purposes under the leadership of the Federal Council.

Two Factual Statements

Two factual statements need to be made:

1. Under the direction of the Southeastern Intercouncil office of the Federal Council of Churches, and with the fullest sympathy and cooperation of every major denomination, except Baptists, the South is rapidly being organized and marshalled by the Federal Council of Churches.

2. Wherever the Federal Council has power it controls religious broadcasting nationally and locally.

What Are Baptists To Do?

As we face these rugged realities your Radio Commission earnestly urges the following as the only apparent way out:

1. Make the current Baptist Hour on ABC completely successful financially and spiritually. Such a network will enable us to render our Lord a peerless service as well as kept Baptists definitely in the radio picture in the South.

2. Maintain the highest standards of quality in all our broadcasts—Southwide and locally, live and transcribed. Radio station management likes this and will respond favorably to it.

3. Capitalize on the strength of Baptists in the local community, in the States and in the whole Convention territory. It cannot be "in the public interest" for so large percentage of the religious population to be left out of the broadcast picture.

Our Pledge

The Radio Commission is in fullest sympathy with the repeated actions of the Southern Baptist Convention in not becoming affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches. We also recognize the extreme difficulty we face when all the major denominations of the South—except Baptists—are members of the Federal Council of Churches and thus can make a common approach to radio management for religious broadcast time. In this extremely difficult situation, your Baptist Radio Commission pledges its best to lead Southern Baptists in an effective radio ministry—Southwide and locally, which will honor our Blessed Lord in the proclamation of His truth.

—BR—

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"The royal law....
love thy neighbour
as thyself." James 2:8

Millionaire Convert Testifies At Methodist Advance

PHILADELPHIA—(RNS)—Asa G. Candler, Jr., of Atlanta, heir to the Coca Cola fortune, flew here in his private plane to give Christian testimony at the Methodist Advance.

"You can't get people to church—especially the worse kind of sinners, of which I've been one—unless you go out and get them," the millionaire convert told 1,000 visiting pastors who were conducting a crusade for new members in 330 Philadelphia area churches.

Candler told how "after many years of dissipation and drunkenness, I have found service to be more satisfying than selfishness."

In recent years he said he had placed himself at the call of the Church to do anything and go anywhere, "realizing that the Lord's business comes ahead of my own, and that all my money really belongs to the Lord."

"I was brought up right in a Methodist family but I didn't stay that way," he said. "Neither my wife nor my uncle (the late Senior Bishop Warren Candler of the M. E. Church South) ever nagged me for my drinking. It would not have done any good. Nagging never does any good, for when a man drinks he is selfish."

Candler has become a prominent Methodist layman and now frequently uses his private plane in the business of the Church. His wife is a member of a Baptist church in Atlanta.

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Some Precepts For Pastors

Pray every night and shave every morning.

Keep your conscience clean, also your linen.

Let your light shine and shine your shoes.

Press your advantages, your opportunities and your trousers.

Brush the cobwebs from your brain and the dandruff from your collar.

A delinquent debt in a parish is like an addled egg in an omelet.

Be poor in spirit but not in vocabulary.

You can't put fire in your sermons unless there is fire in your heart.

It is better to lose a good fight than to win a bad one.

Call in the homes of men if you would have men call in the House of God.

The approval of God is more to be desired than the patronage of a rich, unscrupulous pew-holder.

Always be content with what you have but never with what you are.

—ADVANCE

ADAMS TAKES POLL ON CHRISTIAN LIVING AMONG LABOR, BUSINESSMEN

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—Do you make a consistent effort to follow the Golden Rule in your business dealing? Will you state frankly whether you believe yourself to be a good Christian? Do you read the Bible? Does it help in business? In personal affairs? How much money do you give to churches? Do you go to church weekly? Do you pray?

These are some of the questions Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor, First Church, Richmond, recently asked 240 business and labor leaders of his town. A total of 126 of them answered. Dr. Adams conducted his survey on the basis of a similar national investigation made by Forbes magazine.

In Richmond 99 per cent of the business men answering claimed to make a consistent effort to follow the Golden Rule in business dealings. On the same question 88 per cent of the labor leaders answered yes.

On the question of consistent Christian living the score was not as encouraging. Only 26 per cent of the business leaders and 12 per cent of the labor leaders thought themselves good Christians. This compared to 41 per cent for national business leaders and 39 per cent for national labor leaders, as discovered by a survey by Forbes magazine.

Richmond business and labor leaders read the Bible the same with 25 per cent reading it frequently. However, 80 per cent thinks the Bible helps them in attaining their personal goals. 88 per cent of the labor leaders find that it helps. It helps about the same in attaining business goals.

Richmond leaders are more liberal with churches. All of them give as much as 10 per cent. Only 88 per cent of the national business leaders give as much as 10 per cent and 95 per cent of the labor leaders give that amount or more.

Business goes to church better in Richmond where 53 per cent goes weekly as compared to 41 per cent nationally. Labor does better nationally with 50 per cent as compared to 38 per cent in Richmond. Both labor and business pray better than they go to church. In Richmond 73 per cent of business and 63 per cent of labor prays daily. This compares nationally 76 per cent of business and 61 per cent of labor.

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Department Store Starts Day With Prayer

LINCOLN, Neb.—(RNS)—For more than 30 years a department store here has started each business day with a prayer.

The practice goes back to the first world war, when William Gold, founder and president, approved a moment of silent prayer for the safety of American soldiers on Europe's battlefields.

Employees of the store are asked to stand at respectful attention for about one minute each morning. Some find it about the right length of time to recite the Lord's Prayer.

Observers here think the success of the store stems in part from the ideals of its founder and his successor and their belief in "the right start for each new day."

N. C. BAPTISTS DISAGREE ON AID TO HOSPITAL

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—(RNS)—

A split among North Carolina Baptists has resulted from an action of the Baptist State Convention's General Board in voting to accept federal and state funds to help pay for building an addition to the Baptist Hospital here.

The board voted 21 to 12, at a recent meeting, to accept \$697,356 from the North Carolina Medical Care Commission for expanding the hospital. The amount represents 44 per cent of the total cost of the project.

Several board members spoke vigorously at the meeting against accepting the funds. Since then, other members have criticized the board's action, and the question is expected to come up again at the board's semi-annual meeting at Charlotte, Jan. 16-17.

Commenting on the action, the Biblical Recorder, official organ of the Convention, said:

"In the main, the arguments for the acceptance of this money were that the action would not violate the separation of Church and State, for the government was merely buying indirectly the services of the hospital, and it was in the form of a loan or grant which is to be paid back by 'full and definite services rendered' in the care of the sick."

The opposition viewpoint was expressed in the Recorder by the Rev. Garland Hendericks of Wake County, who was present at the board meeting.

"We are unalterably opposed," he wrote, "to our Convention through any of its institutions, obligating itself in any way to our state or federal government by accepting funds for expansion purposes."

"We must work hand in hand with our government in every possible way to make it strong and pure. But we must not obligate the government to our churches, nor must we obligate our churches to the government."

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Southern Baptists Now Have 712 Foreign Missionaries

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—Southern Baptists now carry on foreign mission work in 120 strategic world centers, located in 24 different countries. These mission stations are staffed with 712 active missionaries. The announcement was made by Dr. M. Theron Rankin, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, in the January issue of The Commission, the board's news journal.

The 120 strategic centers, Dr. Rankin said, "Reach out to great areas and vast populations through 2,000 churches and 3,000 preaching stations, with between 175,000 and 200,000 members; . . . 2,500 Sunday schools with 150,000 pupils, through 1,700 woman's missionary societies with 30,000 members, through Christian leaders that are being trained in eighteen theological institutions with 600 students, through the influence of 474 academic schools from kindergarten to university grade with 49,608 pupils. . . ."

Plans are being laid for a total of 1,750 missionaries supported by a foreign mission budget of \$10,000,000.

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